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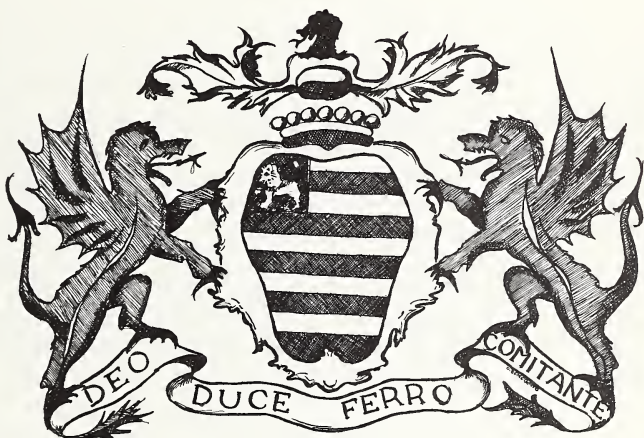
A black and white photograph of a single-story brick house with a gabled roof, partially covered in snow. The house has several windows with white frames and a dark doorway. Bare trees are in the foreground and background, and a snow-covered hill is behind the house. The scene is set in winter.

CHARLEMONT - 1956

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

of the TOWN OFFICERS



1956

Town of Charlemont, Massachusetts

The Cover Photograph

The Little Red Schoolhouse is the perfect symbol of the educational crisis now facing the nation. This crisis is both external and internal. Externally it is comparatively recent, and is marked by inadequate school plant, both lack of mere space and lack of facilities. These shortcomings made the red schoolhouse obsolete. In Charlemont the external crisis is on the way toward solution, and if the Mohawk Trail Regional School becomes a reality the old and the new will stand on the same site as a constant reminder of the problem.

Internally the crisis is not so apparent, nor is it of recent origin. It is concerned with the real purposes of education, the adequacy of teaching and the fundamental basis of the educational process. Those who look back on the red schoolhouse with nostalgia and insight know that it was not the building which educated them. but that it was perhaps the teaching or some almost indefinable essence which made the experience there significant. The internal crisis consists of the search for the best answers to these basic questions, and it will likely last forever. It can only be approached through the minds and hearts and efforts of an enlightened citizenry.

The East Charlemont Schoolhouse, shown on the cover, was built in 1828 and used as a school until 1944. Since 1953 it has been designated an official historical monument of the town, and, presumably, will be preserved as such indefinitely.

Photo by

KEN WALKER

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Term Expires 1957

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Term Expires 1958

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AND MEASURES**

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ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

PAUL E. HEIST

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ROY A. HICKS

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JURY LIST - 1957

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Wilbur L. Burnett, Farmer

Lawrence Burrington, Employee, Red Rose Restaurant

Fred W. Carroll, Lumberman

Kenneth W. Henderson, Bottled Gas Dealer

Earle K. Howes, Painter

Roger McKinstry, Cabin Owner

Laurence Pitman, Retired Engineer

Eva T. Porrovecchio, Housewife

James A. Rice, Lineman, Northern Berkshire Electric Co.

William P. Stafford, Lineman, Northern Berkshire Electric Co

Richard Tanner, Laborer

Mildred C. Wilson, Cashier, A. L. Avery & Son General Store

TOWN CALENDAR

1957

Jan. 15	Last Registration of Voters before Town Meeting
Feb. 4	TOWN MEETING
Mar. 30	Last day for filing Seasonal Liquor Licenses
Mar. 31	Dog Licenses – Expiration Date
Apr. 21	Easter Sunday
May 30	Memorial Day
June 14	Elementary School Closes
June 21	High School Closes
July 4	Independence Day
Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 4	School opens
Oct. 31	Last Day for Payment of Town Taxes without Penalty
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 30	Last day for filing Liquor License renewals
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Dec. 30	Last day for filing Nomination Papers for Election of Town Officers

1958

Jan. 14	Last day for registration before Town Meeting
Feb. 3	Town Meeting

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The most significant event of the past year was the establishment of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, in which Charlemont joined with five other towns to provide a new school covering grades 7 - 12. This action was taken in January at a special town meeting, with only three dissenting votes. It is unfortunate that there have been numerous delays in getting this project beyond the planning stage, one of them apparently being caused by a member town's dissatisfaction with the choice of an East Charlemont site for the new building. It is to be hoped that this and other difficulties will be ironed out and construction started sometime in 1957.

The year's highway program was carried on about as usual, handicapped as it always is by lack of funds. Some progress was made on South River Road, although it was necessary to carry forward part of the appropriation because railroad ties for cribwork were unavailable. A long-felt need for guard rail was partially met by making a start along Zoar Road, but a great deal remains to be done on this as well as several other roads. At long last something definite seems to be in sight for Mill Hill on Route 8A, and we have high hopes that the Flood Relief Board will finance the greater part of the project. However, it will probably be necessary for the town to spend part of its Chapter 90 allotment on this road. The town received a windfall grant of about \$10,000 for highway purposes as its share of the multi-million dollar State highway bond issue. Expenditure of the grant will be held up until the Legislature clarifies the basis upon which it can be spent.

Early in the Spring a wage increase was granted the Highway Department, bringing it into line with neighboring towns and the prevailing wage scale. Paid vacations were granted for the first time, in accordance with the vote of the last annual meeting.

As has been pointed out before, highway appropriations have not increased nearly as fast as costs, and the result inevitably appears as a failure to keep pace in road improvements. It is our feeling, however, that an increase in funds should come from the State, rather than being loaded onto the local tax rate, and our requests for 1957 show only slight increases over this year. A special appropriation is being asked to deal with a very bad water situation on Harmony Heights. A large watershed North of Fred Carroll's mill finds its outlet through a culvert under the highway and spills out, often in great volume, on the property

below. This water should be piped off from the culvert to an outlet under the State Highway, and funds to accomplish it should be provided.

For the first time in recent history a citizen, who was unfortunate enough to run his car off the road, has come forward and paid for the damage done to the guard rail. Although deploing his accident, we commend his honesty and sense of responsibility in making good the damages.

During the year death took Assessor Francis Avery and Constable Walter Henderson, both of whom had served long and faithfully and whose loss will be deeply felt. Donald Raymond was appointed to the vacancy on the Board of Assessors.

Litigation involving the estate of Sanford Fife, who generously left his property to establish a free hospital bed for Charle-mont residents, was finally settled in 1956. The Franklin County Public Hospital is now prepared to offer assistance, to the extent of the funds available, to townspeople on the basis of need.

The status of the Tyler Memorial Library was clarified by the issuance of a decree by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Under its terms the Free Town Library will now become the Tyler Memorial Library. The Tyler real estate may now be sold if the town so votes, the proceeds to be added to principal of the Tyler Library Trust Fund.

The town dump continues to be a problem, mainly because so much of its clientele is unwilling to dump rubbish over the bank but prefers to unload in or near the roadway. An increased appropriation is being requested to meet this problem.

Early in the year the Board appointed a special committee to investigate the advisability of adopting some kind of protective regulations which might insure that any future development of the town would be along sound and desirable lines. This committee has worked hard and well, and its preliminary report is carried elsewhere in this publication. The Selectmen are heartily in accord with the thinking of this Committee.

The year-end demands a hard, sober look at the future, and in many respects it is not bright. There seems to be no end in sight to the steady trend of rising costs and its inevitable consequence, increased taxes. The town has no industry to help bear this burden, nor is it a suburban town with great potential as a residential area. Farming is being slowly but surely cur-

tailed, it being an enterprise which is relatively harder hit than most by the property tax. The only way to lower taxes is to eliminate services, and there seems to be no possibility of doing this because many municipal services are already inadequate. It is probably true that a regional, rather than a local, solution may be found for some of our problems. This approach offers promise, particularly in the field of education. However, the town will eventually be faced with the necessity of making large capital outlays, for water and for sewers, to name two, if it is to remain an attractive place in which to live. These and other problems will have to be met sooner or later, and they deserve the continuing, thoughtful consideration of all the citizenry.

Respectfully submitted

WINSTON HEALY
WILLIAM D. PIERSON
HORACE E. WARFIELD

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Herewith is submitted the eighth annual report of the Finance Committee.

The Committee has met several times during the year and has authorized the transfer of funds from the Reserve account to other accounts as is shown in the Financial Statement. The Committee urges the voters to read the Financial Statement in order to better understand the business of the Town.

The Committee is pleased to note that the Hawlemont School Committee in the future will be following a previous Finance Committee suggestion in regard to transportation which should be beneficial to both towns.

The Committee wishes to thank all those who have helped to prepare the 1957 budget, which it has approved as printed in the warrant and urges all townspeople to cooperate with their Town officers during the coming year for efficiency and economy for mutual benefit.

The outlook for a lighter tax burden does not look to be in the near future if the benefits of the Mohawk Trail Regional School are to be realized, but as the older generation used to say, "Where there is a will there is a way." Your Finance Committee feels that if we will all cooperate there will be a way to make a better Charlemont for tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,
STANTON C. KENDRICK
D. A. LANOUE
CHARLES E. STREETER

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 1956 was a very active one for the Charlemont Fire Department. In addition to answering the calls of 24 fires, both locally and out of town, the Department organized and participated in many activities, which we feel were beneficial to the community.

Under Chief Frank Wells the officers elected for the year were: Kenneth Henderson, President, Roger Willis, Vice-President; and Ray Willis, Secretary-Treasurer.

The biggest change in the operation of the Department came with the installation of the new red fire phones at strategic places in town, namely, at the homes of Frank Wells, Kenneth Henderson, Mrs. Leora Howes, Purinton's Service Station, and the fire house. Seconds after answering the call of EDgewood 9-4460 on one of these phones, the siren is sounded and the firemen alerted for action.

The change over to dial phones necessitated our installing an automatic siren to sound every day, except Sunday, at twelve o'clock noon. The time and work donated by Payson Stafford and James Rice on this project is greatly appreciated by the Department.

Acknowledgements are also in order at this time for the many personal donations from townspeople to the Department.

One of the highlights of the year was the basketball game between the pajama clad Firemen and the Lions, clad in long red underwear, which raised money for the purchase of lockers for the school locker room.

The Little League baseball team enjoyed continual success again this year under the able managership of Joseph Kolnacki. All who have seen the Little Leaguers in action leave the ball-field convinced that they have seen competition, fairness, and good sportsmanship at its finest.

Eighty children took advantage of the fine swimming course conducted by the Red Cross and sponsored by the Department in July.

Our annual banquet, served by the Ladies Aid in the Federated Church, and attended by local firemen and guests from surrounding towns was a great success. The unique entertainment in the form of a demonstration of judo by an F.B.I. expert and the showing of World Series films was enjoyed by all present.

As in past years the Department participated in the program of Yankee Doodle Days by sponsoring the bridge dance and taking part in the parade.

The old year came to a close and 1957 came into being with a literal bang. Our normally quiet town was shaken as an F-86D Sabrejet exploded overhead and the pieces fell to ground on both sides of Upper Tea Street. The Department rushed to the scene and after extinguishing the blazing plane, cooperated with Air Force officials from Westover Field as they organized an air and ground search for the missing pilot. The Town spent a tense and anxious twenty-four hours until word came that he had been found, and was much saddened by the fact that he was not alive.

Throughout 1957 your fire department will again stand ready to cope with emergencies and work diligently and faithfully for the benefit and good of Charlemont.

For: Charlemont Firemen's Association

RAY C. WILLIS, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Report of Work Accomplished and Conditions in General

SNOW, ROADS AND BRIDGES

In the year 1956 we have had more snow, ice, and sleet than for a good many years. We have removed from the highways 170 inches of snow, put 850 yards of sand for ice control, plowed private driveways, and tried to keep the roads passable.

FLOOD WORK

The department has put in 40 inch culvert on Todd Mountain Road, and used the bulldozer to smooth out the remainder of the road; rebuilt $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the Wood Road; opened up two lane emergency traffic on North Heath Road; repaired the following bridges: Legate Hill Bridge, Burnett Bridge, Middle Bridge, Avery Bridge, Bremer Bridge and the Leazer Bridge.

CHAPTER 81

We have done our regular routine of maintenance, namely scraping, drainage and brush. The following roads are roads we have been able to make more improvements on: Warner Hill, 500 feet of gravel; Burrington - 650 feet of gravel; Center Heath - 400 feet gravel; Mountain Road - 1500 feet gravel; South Heath - 50 feet gravel; Maxwell Road - 600 feet gravel; Legate Hill 1400 feet gravel; South River 700 feet gravel; Burnt Hill 500 feet gravel; West Oxbow 300 feet gravel.

Our drainage for the past year is not a pleasant outlook. Owing to the high water considerable damage was done to the drainage. We have installed one 36 inch culvert on the Burrington Road, one on Legate Road, and numerous ones over the 46 miles of road. Throughout the town much more could be done on drainage saving the town considerable money in the future.

The following roads' base had bituminous treatment this year: Mountain Road - 1600 feet new work, two coats of tar; Legate Hill 1200 feet seal coat. Because of the necessity of taking Chapter 81 money to maintain winter roads, we are about 10% short in our maintenance money for the year.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

All Chapter 90 roads were patched and the following seal coated: North Heath Road - 2700 feet, West Hawley Road - 2600 feet, and Heath Road 5700 feet. There has been 1500 feet of Flexbeam guard rail put on the Zoar Road. The guard rail on

the following bridges has been repaired, replaced and painted: Maxwell Road, Tower Bridge and Middle Bridge, West Oxbow, Leazer, Barnes and Harris Bridges, East Oxbow, first, second, third bridges.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Around 700 feet of new work was built this year, a very difficult and costly piece of road.

RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION FOR 1957

Snow, Roads and Bridges

\$2500	Sand and salt
1500	Private driveways
4000	Snow Removal and maintenance

Chapter 81

The regular amount, \$14,950.00.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

\$6000	for maintenance
1500	guard rail on Zoar Road
1500	guard rail and repair on bridges.

Chapter 90 Construction

\$8000

We feel as though this is a very small sum according to what the surrounding towns are getting for this type of work. Would appreciate $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ increase.

\$500 Town money to put 15 inch pipe from East Harmony Road through Davenport property to catch basin on Route 2.

MACHINERY DEPARTMENT

We have three trucks, four tractors (2 crawlers and 2 rubber tired), grader, broom, all the necessary small tools, two sanders, 7 snow plows. The upkeep on this machinery is between \$5000 and \$6000 per year. We have two very hard problems to look forward to: No. 1. Our old horse drawn scraper made over to a crawler drawn scraper made over to a rubber tired drawn scraper is unfit for the modern methods of maintaining roads.

No. 2. We have 5 snow removal pieces of equipment, representing 100% snow removal. Two pieces are crawler tractors — one used 50 hours in the last six years. The other one a little more. It is impossible to use these two pieces of equipment more than 3% of all plowing we have to do. This figures up to have 60% efficiency 97% of the snow removal time. When we are plowing driveways, another 20% of our equipment is not available and that cuts us down to 40% efficiency. With 40% efficiency it is a very hard proposition to keep our roads passable in snow

conditions. We would like to have at least 70% efficiency on snow removal. Our sanding equipment does real well — we always get too little or too much at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Highway Department

PAUL E. HEIST
Superintendent of Roads

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

During the year 1956, Memorial Park was once again used to a great advantage.

The greatest event of all was the three-day Yankee Doodle Day Celebration.

The Sportsmen also held their usual trap shoots, along with family gatherings, etc.

Money appropriated was used in painting the front of the grandstand, replacing broken windows, and for a small amount of chloride used during our three-day celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. PURINTON, *Chairman*
HARRY F. LEGATE
AVIS M. CHURCHILL

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The following is my first annual report as Chief of Police of the Town of Charlemont.

I have received calls to investigate 11 auto accidents, one in which there were two fatally injured; the others were of minor damages and slight injuries. Four summonses were served for other Police departments. I received twenty-two other calls from people to investigate. One of them was the break at Hawlemont School which is still unsolved. Twice I was called about the breaking of windows at the Fairgrounds. Four operators have had their licenses suspended and three have had them revoked

Fourteen arrests were made and taken to court.

CAUSES OF ARRESTS:

Runaway	1
Speeding	3
Use of Car without Authority	5
After Suspension of License	1
Operating to Endanger	1
Overlength Trailer	1
Drunken Driving	1
Assault with Dangerous Weapon	1

I definitely feel that there should be more traffic duty done, especially on week-ends.

The finance report of the Police Department will be found on a separate page of this report.

I wish to express my thanks to the Shelburne Falls State Police personnel for the help they have given me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyrus C. Annear, Sr.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

During the past year permission was granted by the Attorney General to transfer Tyler funds to the use of the Charlemont Library in its present location, providing the name be changed to "Tyler Memorial Library" and a marker designating it as such be erected. The purchase of this plaque is now under consideration. Permission to sell the Tyler building was also granted, if such action should be authorized by the Town Meeting, the net proceeds to be used for the maintenance and improvement of the "Tyler Memorial Library".

The partition between the center rooms has been removed. Two 90JJ folding tables and 2 reed chairs have been purchased. New Parkwood tops have been installed on the Librarian's desk and a table which was also refinished. A new floor covering of green linoleum has been laid in the center room

We hope soon to have better lighting facilities and drapes at all windows.

Full details of the disbursement of the Library and Tyler Memorial funds will be found under Selectmen's and Treasurer's reports.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WAKEFIELD
GRACE B. GOULD
BLANCHE L. HUNT

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Total circulation for 1956 was 14,133 — this includes books loaned from the Regional Library Center in Greenfield, via the Bookmobile, and those circulated from the town library — now called The Tyler Memorial Library. The number of books purchased 190. Circulation from the Bookmobile was 3731, adult fiction 1013, adult non-fiction 516, Juvenile fiction 1771, juvenile non-fiction 431. Circulation from the Library was 10,402 — adult 5565, juvenile 1928, magazines 2135, and non-fiction 774.

The Library is open Wednesdays from 2 to 5 P.M.; Saturdays from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M. Please note the date-due slip in the back of books -- the books may be borrowed for 2 weeks, magazines for 1 week -- please do, get them back, when due.

Respectfully submitted,

PEARLE TANNER, *Librarian*

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROTECTIVE REGULATIONS

Several weeks ago the special Planning Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen in response to the Mohawk Trail Association and the Charlemont Lions Club made a brief report of its work.

It now appears desirable to work out suitable protective regulations in cooperation with the Massachusetts Development Commission of the Department of Natural Resources. Your committee will be glad to continue its assignment in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen in arranging conferences with special representatives of the Development Commission in preparing regulations for our township.

Our understanding is that these protective regulations must have approval of the citizens of the town at a town meeting. We wish to make it possible for all segments of the population to be properly represented at such a meeting.

We would, therefore, request consideration of calling a special town meeting for review or approval of the proposed protective regulations at an early date.

Sincerely,

WM. E. HALLAHAN, *Chairman*
PAUL DiBENEDETTO, *Secretary*
SHERMAN PIKE

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1956	Name	Parents
Jan. 5	Elizabeth Mary MacLean	Wallace Sterling MacLean Leona Ada Maynard
Feb. 24	Dawn Marie Fitzroy	Herbert Henry Fitzroy Ruth Marie McHaffie
Feb. 26	Wendy Colette Lanoue	Dolphice Ambrose Lanoue Clara Idella McHaffie
May 1	Reno Hyytinen	Reino A. Hyytinen Virginia B. Pierce
May 3	Sarah Linn Frisbie	Joseph Calvin Frisbie Shirley Ann Schwartz
July 10	Patricia Anne Stafford	Edward Russell Stafford Margaret Louise Erickson
Sept. 13	Ava Elsie Hunkler	Harley Hunkler Elsie Lena Burnett
Sept. 27	Allen William Hicks	Walter William Hicks Beverly Jean McKinnon
Oct. 6	James Edward Pierce	Edward Pierce Mabel Irene Peters
Oct. 8	Pamela Elnora Stetson	Francis Robert Stetson, Jr. Flora Emogene Hall
Oct. 20	James Thomas McHaffie	Thomas Nibloe McHaffie Norma Fannie Harmon
Nov. 1	Marilyn Ann Wilson	J. Gilbert Wilson, Jr. Hazel Dora Hillman
Dec. 5	Joan Muriel McCloud	Everett Bertram McCloud Marion Alice Stone
Dec. 30	Karen Louise Annear	Cyrus C. Annear, Jr. Lucille E. Peters

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
19	17	10	17	14

MARRIAGES

1956	Name	Residence
Feb. 4	— Cyrus C. Annear, Jr. Lucille E. Peters	Charlemont, Mass. Heath, Mass.
June 15	— Leon Albert Reynolds Marion Grace Mathewson	Charlemont, Mass. Ashfield, Mass.
June 16	— Ralph Earl Seale Mildred (Tilley) VonDrewitz	Miami, Florida Miami, Florida
June 23	— John Thomas Collette Angeline Lamore	Millers Falls, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
July 8	— Raymond Alvin Purinton Esther Janet White	Charlemont, Mass. Hawley, Mass.
Aug. 18	— Verne Ellsworth Bliss Janet Albee	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Nov. 4	— Kemp Carson Gibson Bernice Mary Taylor	Marlinton, West Virginia Charlemont, Mass.
Nov. 8	— Robert Donald Hicks Teresa Loria Peters	Charlemont, Mass. Heath, Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
8	10	11	11	8

DEATHS

1956	Name	Age-Years	Months	Days
Jan. 15	— Edward T. Clark	85	0	0
Mar. 5	— Ray Edgar Champlin.....	61	9	0
Mar. 25	— Earl Otis Maynard	62	6	5

1956	Name	Age-Years	Months	Days
Apr. 3	— Margaret G.(McGurren)Tinney	65	0	0
May 28	— Florence Negus Young.....	77	8	26
June 2	— Elbert Frank Spear.....	80	2	6
June14	— John M. Leahy.....	40	7	21
June14	— Paul Whightman Williams.....	36	1	17
July 12	— Francis W. Avery	70	10	26
July 14	— Arthur L. Hathaway.....	74	10	4
July 25	— Frederick Crocker	71	6	9
Sept. 9	— Ida (Brackett) Legate	88	11	28
Sept.10	— John Thomas Snell	70	0	0
Nov. 22	— John Breen	79	11	10
Dec. 5	— Walter Andrew Henderson	60	4	2

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
12	12	11	13	15

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

13	Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old	Free
3	Resident Citizen O.A.A. and to the Blind Fishing Licenses	Free
52	Resident Citizen Fishing Licenses @\$3.25	\$169.00
97	Resident Citizen Hunting Licenses @\$3.25	325.25
94	Resident Citizen Sporting Licenses @\$5.25	493.50
16	Resident Citizen Minor Fishing Licenses @\$1.25	20.00
38	Resident Citizen Female Fishing Licenses @\$2.25	85.50
1	Resident Citizen Trapping License @\$7.75	7.75

19 Non-Resident 3-Day Fishing Licenses @ \$2.75	52.25	
1 Alien Fishing License @ \$7.75	7.75	
10 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting Licenses @ \$15.25	152.50	
2 Non-Resident Citizen Sporting Licenses @ \$20.25	40.50	
3 Duplicate License @ \$.50	1.50	
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Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,272.50	
Fees retained	83.00	
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		\$1,355.50

DOG LICENSES ISSUED — 1 KENNEL LICENSE

57 Male Dog Licenses @ \$2.00	\$114.00	
18 Female Dog Licenses @ \$5.00	90.00	
49 Spayed Female Dog Licenses @ \$2.00 .	98.00	
1 Kennel License @ \$25.00	25.00	
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		\$327.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$302.00	
Fees retained	25.00	
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		\$327.00

Respectfully submitted

MARY L. CARPENTER, *Town Clerk*

TRUSTEES OF EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL

Herewith is submitted the fourth annual report of the trustees of the East Charlemont Schoolhouse.

At the annual meeting in May, the election of officers took place and the same slate of officers reappointed for another year.

A report of the findings of the building inspector, Mr. Lane, was given and revealed that the building according to his standards was unsafe for meetings of large groups without many changes being made. This appears to be an expensive undertaking and prohibitive at this time.

Repairs to the shed roof will be necessary in the near future and some inside adjustments made.

The East Charlemont Club hold their monthly meetings in the building and as this is a small group, it does not seem that the use of the building should be denied them.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL V. SEARS, *Clerk*
LAWRENCE CLARK, *Chairman*
STANTON KENDRICK
EMMA W. FISK
D. J. MALCOLM

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL

Burton W. Avery, <i>Chairman</i>	<i>Term expires 1957</i>
Emma Vincent	<i>Term expires 1958</i>
Gerald Raymond, <i>Secretary</i>	<i>Term expires 1959</i>
Wilson L. Tilley	<i>Superintendent</i>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 2, 1957 Closes February 15, 1957
Second Winter Term	Opens February 25, 1957 Closes April 18, 1957
Spring Term Opens	Opens April 29, 1957 Closes June 14, 1957 (Elem.) Closes June 21, 1957 (High)
Fall Term	Opens September 4, 1957

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

New Years Day	January 1, 1957
Good Friday & Patriot's Day	April 19, 1957
Memorial Day	May 30, 1957
Teachers' Convention (Tentative)	October 4, 1957
Veterans' Day	November 11, 1957
Teachers' Visiting Day	December 2, 1957
Thanksgiving	closes noon November 27, 1957
Christmas Holidays	closes noon December 20, 1957

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is my pleasure to submit herewith my first annual report.

In the past year three amendments to the Hawlemont Regional School District Agreement have been accepted. The first was to provide for four equal payments toward the capital and operating costs by the member towns instead of the possible two. The second was to have the District include Grades 1-6 instead of Grades 1-8 in preparation for the establishment of a 7-12 Regional School District. The third was to provide for all elementary transportation by the District, rather than by the individual towns, thereby increasing the amount of state reimbursement to 100% for this item.

The Hawlemont Regional School Committee elected Mrs. Harris as an additional member of the staff beginning in September, which permitted a much needed increase of time to devote to 7th and 8th grade English and Science.

The Committee accepted with regret the retirement of Mrs. Carter, first grade teacher, who devoted many years of faithful service to her profession. She has been replaced by Mrs. Verna Taylor of Greenfield.

The resignation of Mr. Covell in Math and Science was accepted and, except for the first two weeks served by Mr. Albert Pieropan, has since been filled by Mr. Robert Waldron.

Mr. Joseph Kolnacki was elected to coach Regional School basketball and baseball teams, providing opportunity for much needed extra-curricula physical activities.

An increase in time for 7th and 8th grade Art and introduction of Instrumental Music has further enriched the elementary and high school programs.

Sorely needed improvements have been provided in the past year in the high school building. Paint and repair of the boys' lavatories, painting stairwells, trimming of other areas, refinishing desks and building a new table for the study hall were among the more important accomplishments. It is hoped that similar improvements on the outside may be made in the near future.

A high percent of staff replacement resulted with the resignation of Mr. Minnich, Miss Plante and Mr. Egan. Mr. Robert Jackman was elected to fill the vacancy of Principal, Miss LeTendre replaced Mr. Egan and Mrs. Upton replaced Miss Plante.

Miss LeTendre left in December to be replaced by Miss Suzanne Gortner of Greenfield in the Commercial Department.

I personally feel that in recent years there has been steady progress toward maintaining higher standards of education for your community. With an eye toward the future and hope of continued progress, your School Committee has adopted a salary schedule which promises to play an important part in insuring your children a basic education which you may well be proud of.

Since sound education can only be attained through sound health, there will continue to be stress upon the physical fitness of your children. Miss Dorothy Morehouse is to be highly commended for her accomplishments in this area.

Mrs. Maynard, with the able assistance of Mrs. Stafford, continues to provide a hot lunch program which I feel is second to none.

The thorough efforts of Mr. Will Turner and Mr. Charles Purinton continue to provide a clean, wholesome atmosphere for your children to work in.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone connected with the school program, as well as parents, students, and citizens in the community who have supported me and contributed immeasurably to the success of the school program.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON L. TILLEY, *Superintendent*

CHARLEMONT PUPILS

By Age and By Grade

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Spec.	1	1	1			1									4
1	11	10	4	1											26
2		3	12	3											18
3			2	8		1									11
4				7	8	1	1								17
5					1	8	5	3	1						18
6						2	4		1						7
7							1	12	2						16
8									9	3	1	1			14
9										9	2	1			12
10											6	1	1		8
11												6	3		9
12													5	3	8
Total	11	14	19	20	9	13	11	15	13	13	9	9	9	3	168

CHART OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL — TEACHERS

Regional and High School

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Professional Training</i>
Wilson L. Tilley	Superintendent	7 Years	B.S. Northeastern University M. Ed. Boston University University of Massachusetts
Robert H. Jackman	Principal-Teacher	5 Years	B.S. Northeastern University M. Ed. Boston University University of Massachusetts
Frances A. Gray	Gr. 8 - 12 English	10 Years	B.S. Boston University School of Chinese Stud., Peiping, China
Elizabeth Harris	U. S. History, Civics Gr. 7 - 8 Social Studies & Science	19 Years	B. A. Alfred University Columbia University Hofstra College
Kathleen P. Upton	Gr. 7 English & Math (7 & 8) Gr. 9 - 12 Languages	2 Years	B. A. University of Massachusetts
Robert J. Waldron	Gr. 9 - 12 Mathematics Gr. 9 - 12 Science	1 Year	B.S. University of Massachusetts Assoc. in M.E. Worcester Jr. College
Jeanne LeTendre (Resigned)	Commercial Studies	1 Year	B.S. Boston University
H. Suzanne Gortner	Commercial Studies	1 Year	Fisher Junior College
Winifred D. Looney	Grade 6	10 Years	Framingham Normal School

Thelma Purinton	Grade 5	13 Years	North Adams Normal School
Gladys Clark	Grade 4	16 Years	Aroostook State Normal School
B. Constance Pollard	Grade 3	24 Years	North Adams Normal School
Hazel N. Richmond	Grade 2	12 Years	North Adams Normal School
Verna Taylor	Grade 1	3 Years	Fitchburg State Teachers' College
Grace Raymond	Special Instruction	6 Years	Fitchburg Normal School
Esther Galbraith	Music Supervisor	7 Years	Springfield Conservatory of Music
Beda Langevin	Lip Reading & Speech Therapy	8 Years	Clark School for Deaf
Jeanette Rich	Art Supervisor	14 Years	B. S. Massachusetts School of Art
Rinehart Handwriting System			

Non-Teaching Personnel

Ann E. Doyle	Secretary
Will C. Turner	School Custodian - Charlemont High School
Charles Purinton	School Custodian - Hawlemont Regional School
Gertrude Maynard	Cafeteria Manager
Grace Stafford	Cafeteria Assistant
Dorothy Morehouse, R.N.	School Nurse
Samuel Galbo, M.D.	School Doctor
Horace Warfield	Attendance Officer

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

I hereby submit my report as Principal of Schools for the last four months of 1956.

Our enrollment on September 5, 1956, the first day of school, was 254 pupils. There were 196 children enrolled in Grades 1-8 and 58 pupils in Grades 9-12.

The following new teachers came into the Hawlemont Regional and Charlemont High School: Mrs. Maurice W. Taylor — Grade 1; Mrs. Kathleen Upton — Arithmetic for Grades 7 and 8, English for Grade 7, French and Latin at the high school level; Mrs. Elizabeth Harris — Science for Grades 7 and 8, Social Studies for Grades 7 and 8, Civics and United States History at the High School level; Mr. Albert Pieropan — General Science, Basic Mathematics, Algebra I and II, Biology and Physics; Miss Jeanne LeTendre — Stenography I and II, Bookkeeping I, Typing I and II and General Business Training.

Mr. Albert Pieropan, our High School Mathematics and Science teacher, asked to be replaced after school had been open for a week. Mr. Robert Waldron was elected to replace Mr. Pieropan.

Miss Jeanne LeTendre left us on December 21, 1956. Miss Suzanne Gortner was elected to replace Miss LeTendre.

Mrs. Harrison Raymond has been teaching a small group of children two hours each day in the Principal's Office in the Hawlemont School. This group of children has needed special instruction due to handicaps which prevent them from entering into all normal classroom activities. These children have, however, participated in music with the other school children.

Mrs. Beda Langevin has been giving special speech instruction once a week to those pupils in the primary and intermediate grades who have difficulty in speaking fluently.

Some of the physical facilities of Charlemont High School have been improved this fall. The boys' and girls' toilets and the basement stairways have been given a coat of paint. This coat of paint has improved these facilities tremendously. A lavatory was also installed in the boys' toilet. Previously the boys had to go upstairs to the first floor and use the lavatory in the corridor.

The Art courses for Grades 7-12 have been enriched by an increase in teaching time with the Art Supervisor. Art in Grades 7-12 had been offered on a once-a-week basis previous to this year. All pupils in Grades 7 and 8 now have Art each Thursday with Mrs. Rich, and those pupils desiring further study in Art

may take an additional period of Art on Friday. The high school students electing Art now have two periods of Art per week instead of one.

A high school orchestra was started this fall on an after school basis. Mrs. Galbraith, Music Supervisor in the Hawlemont Regional and Charlemont High School, has met with this group each Monday after school. At the present time there are ten pupils participating in this orchestra. The orchestra made their first appearance at the high school Christmas Assembly and later provided the music for the high school Christmas Party.

Under the direction of Mrs. Maynard, the hot lunch program has continued to grow. Mrs. Maynard and her assistant, Mrs. Stafford, with the help of high school students, are providing hot lunches for more pupils than they have ever served before. The pupils go to lunch in three shifts: the primary grades first, the intermediate grades second, and then grades 7-12.

May I express my appreciation for the cooperation which has been extended by you, members of the School Committee, the faculty, parents, and students.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. JACKMAN
Principal
Hawlemont Regional School
and
Charlemont High School

GRADUATION PROGRAM

CLASS ROLL

John C. Avery	Carl J. Porrovecchio
Donna M. Brant	Clayburn C. Rich
Carol Harker	Herbert C. Taylor
*William E. Maxwell	*Joyce M. White

*High Honor and Pro Merito

FACULTY

Mr. Wilson L. Tilley, <i>Principal</i>	
Mr. Arthur M. Covell	Mrs. Frances A. Gray
Mr. Paul M. Egan	Miss Eunice I. Plante
Mr. Charles H. Minnich, <i>Superintendent</i>	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Burton W. Avery, <i>Chairman</i>	
Mrs. Leslie F. Vincent	Mr. Gerald T. Raymond

PROGRAM

Processional	
Invocation	Rev. William H. Wakefield
Salutatory Address	William E. Maxwell
Class History	John C. Avery
Song	C. H. S. Chorus
Class Will	Donna M. Brant, Clayburn C. Rich
Class Prophecy	Herbert C. Taylor
Commencement Address	"Signals for Youth"

Dr. Franklin P. Hawkes

*Director, Division of University Extension
Massachusetts Department of Education*

Presentation of Class Gift	Carl J. Porrovecchio
Dedication of Yearbook	Carol Harker
Valedictory Address	Joyce M. White
Song	C. H. S. Chorus

Presentation of Awards

American Legion	Patrick J. Coyne Post No. 171
School Awards	Wilson L. Tilley, <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	Charles H. Minnich, <i>Superintendent</i>
Class Song	Words by Senior Class
Benediction	Rev. Francis Shannon
Recessional	
Receiving Line	

GRADUATION AWARDS

Commercial Award	Carol Harker
<i>To the student having highest grades in commercial subjects</i>	
Reader's Digest	Joyce White
<i>A year's subscription to the valedictorian of the class</i>	
Bausch and Lomb Science Award	William Maxwell
<i>To the student having the highest grades in science</i>	
American Legion Award	William Maxwell and Joyce White
English Award	Joyce White
Alumni Awards:	
For highest grades	Herbert Taylor and Virginia Warner
Most improved	William Stafford and Ruth Willis
Athletics Award	William Maxwell and Joyce White
Pro Merito	
Seniors:	William Maxwell and Joyce White
D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award	Joyce White

CLASS MOTTO

Only the Educated Are Free

Class Colors: Blue and Gold	Class Flower: White Carnation
Accompanist:	Mrs. Esther Galbraith, <i>Music Supervisor</i>
Marshal:	Priscilla Boullie, <i>President, Class of 1957</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENDITURES

General Control:

School Committee Salaries	\$ 150.00	
School Committee Expense	46.58	
Superintendent's Salary	2,210.65	
Superintendent's Travel	265.50	
Secretary's Salary	388.25	
Office Expense	33.53	
Telephone — High School & Supt.	171.82	
		\$ 3,266.33

Instruction:

Principal and Expense	\$ 4,029.70	
Teachers' Salaries	9,744.27	
Substitutes	388.00	
Music Supervisor	101.21	
Art Supervisor	154.93	
		\$ 14,418.11

Text Books	\$	669.66
Science Supplies		277.91
General Supplies		625.09
Educational Films and Tests.....		88.69
Janitor		2,734.65
Fuel		806.11

Operation:

Lights	\$	208.28	
Janitor and Lavatory Supplies		290.58	
Rubbish Removal		36.75	\$ 531.61

Repairs and Replacements	\$	667.64
New Equipment.....		426.75

Health:

Physician.....	\$	25.00	
First Aid		1.35	
			<u>\$ 26.35</u>

Transportation:	\$	11,243.50
Vocational Transportation.....		10.00
Vocational Tuition		23.90

Athletic:

Supplies	\$	216.06	
Fund		450.00	
Coaches		475.00	
Night Janitor Service		150.00	
			<u>\$ 1,291.06</u>

Boiler Insurance	\$	63.00
Graduation Expense.....		48.92

TOTALS	\$	37,219.28
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CREDITS FOR THE YEAR - 1956

Regular Appropriation	\$ 37,218.00	
Refund from Massachusetts Teachers'		
Retirement	1.28	
	\$ _____	
	\$ 37,219.28	
Amount of Appropriation Expended	37,219.28	

Amount of Appropriation Not Spent		00.00
Reimbursements:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Chapter 70, including 15% extra for		
participation in a Regional District	\$ 11,200.00	
Transportation	9,261.41	
Superintendent of Schools	4,013.80	
Vocational Tuition & Transportation	219.50	
Tuition	6,170.00	
	\$ _____	
	\$ 30,864.72	

SUMMARY

Amount Expended under Appropriation	\$ 37,219.28	
Total Receipts from sources other than		
local tax	30,864.72	

Net Cost to Town for support of school	\$ 6,354.56	

Operation:		
Lights	\$	1,356.52
Janitor and Lavatory Supplies.....		303.82
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	\$	1,660.34
Repairs and Replacements	\$	129.96
Health		
Physician	\$	200.00
First Aid Supplies.....		29.25
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	\$	229.25
Insurance – Fire, Building and Contents	\$	355.52
Treasurer's Expense:		
Treasurer – Salary	\$	150.00
Treasurer – Bond.....		75.00
Treasurer – Incidentals.....		20.89
Franklin County Retirement System		374.90
Audit		155.06
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	\$	775.85
Miscellaneous.....		95.67
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TOTAL.....	\$	40,741.04

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OF THE HAWLEMONT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

Operation-Maintenance

1. The agreement stipulates that this portion of the budget is determined on a per pupil basis by using the enrollment in the District School from each member town as of October 1st of the preceeding year.
2. On October 1, 1955 there were 49 children from Hawley and 115 children from Charlemont attending this school.
3. Therefore, the operational percentage for Hawley is 29.88% and 70.12 for Charlemont.
4. A balance of \$765.88 from the 1954 appropriation was deducted from the 1956 appropriation, making the sum to be assessed to both towns \$39,968.12.

5. Therefore, operation-maintenance cost to both towns is as follows:

Charlemont	\$28,025.65
Hawley	11,942.47
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	\$39,968.12

Debt and Interest

1. The agreement stipulates that Hawley pay 21% and Charlemont 79% of this cost. Each year this amount will decrease and for 1956 it was \$27,837.50. This was a decrease of \$550 over 1955's payment. State reimbursement on the cost of the building was \$8,757.98 which made the share to each town as follows:

Charlemont	\$15,072.82
Hawley	4,006.70
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	\$19,079.52

Total Cost to Both Towns

	Charlemont	Hawley
Operation-Maintenance	\$28,025.65	\$11,942.47
Debt and Interest	15,072.82	4,006.70
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	\$43,098.47	\$15,949.17

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Jan. 1st, 1956, Cash on Hand\$ 18,289.68

Received:

Town of Rowe, tuition	4,928.75
Town of Rowe, office rent	93.79
Town of Heath, office rent	93.79
Town of Charlemont, budget	43,098.47
Town of Hawley, budget	15,949.17
Perry Brackett, tuition	150.00
State Treasurer, retirement refund ...	7.04
State Treasurer, payment on approved school construction	8,757.98

Samuel Narcus, refund .....	.59	
Cafeteria funds.....	10,314.17	
Income tax deductions	2,657.33	
Retirement deductions	967.15	
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		\$105,307.91

Disbursements

Paid:

Operation warrants	\$ 40,741.04	
Cafeteria warrants	10,703.66	
Capital Cost warrants	5,124.87	
Debt and Interest warrants	27,837.50	
Tax and Retirement warrants	3,127.35	
Available funds, Hawlemont School ..	17,023.58	
Available funds, Cafeteria	749.91	
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		\$105,307.91

Respectfully submitted,

F. DEANE CARTER
Treasurer

Hawley, Mass.
January 11, 1957

I have checked the books of F. Deane Carter, Treasurer of the Hawlemont Regional School District, and I find that he has a cash balance of \$17,773.49.

Respectfully Submitted

EARL D. RICE
Auditor, Town of Hawley

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Organization

J. Roger Smith, <i>Chairman</i>	Shelburne
Payson Stafford, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Charlemont
Ralph W. Wells	Buckland
Robert J. Haeberle	Buckland
*Albert J. Pilkington	Buckland
*George L. Mirick	Buckland
Emma Vincent	Charlemont
James H. Cromack	Colrain
Russell C. Denison	Colrain
*Herman Foster	Colrain
Helen Stiles	Heath
Carol Malone	Heath
*John Burnham	Shelburne
William K. Hefner	Shelburne

**Resigned*

To the Towns in The Mohawk Trail Regional School District:

This is the first annual report of The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee to the citizens of the six towns comprising the district. This year, being the year of our birth, progress has been rather slow but steady. We feel the committee as a whole has given unselfishly of its time and efforts. If mistakes have been made they were made only after many hours of deliberation and after all facts had been thoroughly sifted.

It is our sincere hope that The Mohawk Trail Regional High School will become a reality during the next twelve months. However, if it is to become a reality it will require the sincere efforts and sacrifice of all citizens in the six towns.

During the past year the committee visited several schools and interviewed a number of architects. Mr. Warren Ashley of West Hartford, Connecticut, was finally chosen to draw plans for the new school. Mr. Ashley has an outstanding reputation nationally for the schools which he has designed.

The committee made the following appointments: Philip M. Hallowell, *Superintendent of Schools*; Mr. Frederic P. Gray, *Treasurer*; Mrs. Esther T. Anderson, *Clerk*, and Mr. Donald Hillier, *Attorney*.

Dr. Herbert Bruner and his Associates of New York University were chosen as Educational Consultants.

The committee visited several sites and had engineering tests made on two of these sites. The red brick schoolhouse site in East Charlemont was finally chosen as the most suitable site for the region.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:

Town of Shelburne	\$ 807.91
Town of Buckland	790.10
Town of Colrain	766.34
Town of Charlemont.....	314.85
Town of Heath	166.34
Town of Hawley	154.46

	\$ 3,000.00
Anticipation Serial Loan.....	25,000.00

\$ 28,000.00

Disbursements:

Salary, Superintendent	\$ 200.00
Telephone	87.18
Bond - Treasurer	19.00
Salary, Treasurer	100.00
Salary, Secretary	291.75
Office Supplies	42.53
Postage	11.14
Land Survey	71.05
Legal Expense	93.75
Seal	45.47
Committee Expense	151.77

Operating Expense	\$ 1,113.64
Test Borings	\$ 2,358.00
Educational Consultants	1,200.00

\$ 3,558.00

Total Disbursements \$ 4,671.64

Balance on hand 12/31/56 \$ 23,328.36

During 1957 the committee is obligated to pay approximately \$12,800.00 out of the above balance to the architect, educational consultants, land surveys, and land appraisals.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT NURSE

The Public Health Nursing activities in the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Heath and Rowe include many types of visits. School health, clinics and home calls for all ages are made to help folks to keep well and to care for those who are sick.

The school health program was a very busy one, this year, with a total of 13 polio vaccine clinics added to the regular activities of physical examinations, tests, check ups, etc.

It is gratifying to know that the great majority of children in these 4 towns, from 6 months up to 20 in school, have had the protection of 2 doses of the Salk Polio vaccine. The "teen agers" out of school did not respond as well. Many, of course, were away from home. I cannot stress too greatly this need of protection against polio to the young adults, up to age 30 at least. This is the unprotected group now. The family doctor will give it — go to him!

Plans for the third dose, called booster, are being made. This comes at least 7 months after the second dose.

Severe colds have been prevalent among the school children. Many have developed ear aches. Without medical attention, a neglected ear infection could lead to a chronic condition and a permanent hearing loss. A child with a fresh cold, or one who is coughing, can quickly spread his cold to many others in the school room. He is a sick child. May I ask parents to keep such a child home — for his health and that of other children. This request is wholeheartedly approved by all the school personnel. At the start, a day or two in bed will often check a cold that might lead to a severe illness. There were 40,000 vitamin A & D capsules purchased by the District last fall. They may be bought at non profit rates all winter.

School physical examinations were given the High, Hawlemont and Rowe Schools by Dr. S. J. Galboand in the Heath School by Dr. H. E. Oxman. Dental caries was the outstanding defect, others were weak arches, enlarged tonsils and hardened ear wax. School vision tests are nearly completed. Those who fail are retested. With a second failure the parents are notified and a visit to an eye specialist advised.

Mrs. Beda Langevin tested the hearing of all children in the school union. Follow up was made on the few cases with hearing loss. Many of the children who attend Mrs. Langevin's classes for defective speech are showing marked improvement.

Our teachers are doing an excellent job in watching the health of the pupils. I am pleased to be notified of an ill child or an abnormal skin condition so that care may be given. With a suspicious contagious condition all pupils in the area are checked by the nurse.

Miss Genevieve Ely, State Dental Hygienist, examined the teeth of all pupils in the school union. She does more than just check their teeth and send home a notice when dental care is needed. I stayed with her one day. She talked to them as she worked — explaining why dental care was advisable. Some held up a mirror so they could really see a bad tooth or a little defect that their dentist might want to check and perhaps fill and so prevent greater decay. "It is the brushing that counts". Regular, thorough brushing the teeth removes food particles and greatly helps to prevent decay. So many children forget to brush! It was such fine dental health education and was surely an incentive to the pupil for good dental care. 81% of the children in grades 1 through 12 needed dental corrective care.

A modified Red Cross Home Nursing course was given at the High School to the Senior and Junior class girls. They learned by practicing on each other, how to give care and comfort to a sick or helpless person in the home.

To the Greenfield Health Camp went 2 girls and 3 boys. Often a child is chosen who is quite shy. Mixing with other children and being a "bit on their own" is of great help to them.

The annual Well Child Conferences were held in July at the Hawlemont School. Dr. M. B. Low was the examining physician and Mrs. George Coombs the nutritionist. A dental hygienist was not available this year. How nice to find a child is in perfect health. Any abnormal conditions are referred to the family doctor for care. The number attending were: Charlemont 65, Hawley 26, Heath 33 and Rowe 23.

Visits were made to new borns, infant and preschool children to be of help to the mother in maintaining good health of the child.

I sincerely thank the organizations in the towns for their generous contributions that help greatly in our health work for children. They were:

The Charlemont Lions Club — Eye examinations and glasses; Health Camp for 2; a very generous sum for school lunches for underweight youngsters and \$100 for the Dental Fund.

The Ladies Aid — \$3.55 for lolly pops at a large Polio Vaccine clinic. The children do look forward to them!

Donations to continue our Dental Program were kindly given by: *The Ladies Aid of the Federated Church, The Charlemont*

Womans Club, The Mt. Peak Rebekah Lodge, The Charlemont Lions Club, The American Legion Patrick J. Coyne Post No. 171, The American Legion Auxiliary, The West Hawley Ladies Aid, The Ladies Aid of Heath, The Heath Parent Teachers Association, The Heath Grange, The Rowe Grange and The Rowe Fire Department.

How am I ever going to show my appreciation to the many folks in the Towns who have so kindly helped me with so many health activities? I am very grateful to you all.

The Committee of the Western Franklin Public Health District, The Superintendent of Schools, the Principals, the Teachers, the Custodians, the many Well Child Conference workers, all the Polio Clinic ladies and other folks in the Towns.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R.N.
District Nurse

WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

Balance brought forward	
January 1, 1956	\$ 516.44
Town of Charlemont	2,244.00
Town of Heath	880.00
Town of Hawley	748.00
Town of Rowe	528.00
Nursing Fees	260.75
Dental Fund	75.00
Capsules.....	76.00
Withholding	511.20
Total	<hr/> \$ 5,839.39

Disbursements:

Nurse's Salary	\$ 3,475.00
Nurse's Mileage	345.52
New England Tel. & Tel.	121.28
Phone Service	37.00
Supplies	70.30
Treasurer's Salary to July 1st.....	100.00

Office Rent	300.00	
Treasurer's Bond	5.00	
Dr. Ostrowski	4.00	
Health Conference Expense.....	15.00	
Vitamins	89.99	
E. F. Mahady Supplies	12.66	
Withholding	511.20	
Total		\$ 5,086.95
Balance carried forward to		
1957		752.44

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

Each year seems to increase our clerical duties with statistical reporting, medical authorizations and budgetary changes. An increase of 5.07% in cost of living, effective July 1, 1956, necessitated the refiguring of all budgets with increases in most cases.

The unusual amount of sickness has caused considerable time to be spent in the field as well as an additional expense to towns of the district.

Our case load has shifted from one category to another but little change in the total. The payments are higher due to cost of living increase and the unusual amount of sickness demanding more medical attention, hospitalization and nursing home care.

The following is a statistical analysis of the District activities:

Number of applications taken :	11
Number of home visits made:	203
no one home	9
Number of office calls:	28
Number of visits from State Area Representative :	8

Number of days State & Federal Auditor at office:	14
Number of Welfare Association Meetings attended:	3
Number of visits not classified as home visits:	
(Re: Hospital, Employment Office, Town Treasurers, Clerks, Assessors and Board Members, Attorney's Office and Registry of Deeds.)	53
Transportation of recipients:	12

CHARLEMONT:

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Case Load Jan. 1, 1956	25	2	2	2
New Cases	4	0	0	0
Closed	3	0	1	1
Case Load Jan. 1, 1957	26	2	1	1
Paid Grants	\$17,000.80	991.05	540.86	1,324.02
Medicals	8,547.58	155.71	1,155.60	572.62
Burials		150.00		
Paid to other Towns	922.88			220.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward from	
Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 809.03
Town Appropriations:	
Charlemont	966.00
Hawley	276.00
Heath	368.00
Monroe.....	322.00
Rowe.....	368.00
Federal Grant Administration	
District OAA	2,275.99
District ADC	481.57
District DA	417.73
State Administration	
District ADC.....	321.04
District OAA.....	1,517.32
District DA	278.48

District GR	117.34	
Withholding Tax	706.80	
Franklin County Retirement System ..	297.00	
Phyllis L. Heist, <i>Agent</i>	\$	3,600.00
Phyllis L. Heist, <i>Transportation</i>		196.74
Edith B. Lynch, <i>Clerk</i>		2,340.00
Mary L. Carpenter, <i>Treasurer</i>		50.00
Bond for Treasurer		5.00
Supplies and communications		273.20
Town of Charlemont, rent		300.00
Assessed share - Franklin County Retirement		370.00
Withholding-Franklin County Retirement		297.00
Withholding - Federal Tax.....		706.80
Miscellaneous expenses		24.50
Credit balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1957		1,358.46
	\$	9,522.30
	\$	9,522.30

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS L. HEIST, *Agent*

I hereby certify the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Welfare District for the year 1956.

Respectfully,

MARY L. CARPENTER, *Treasurer*

WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT BUDGET 1957

Salary:	
Agent	\$3,600.00
Clerk	2,460.00
Treasurer	100.00
Telephone	130.00
Travel	240.00
Bonding Treasurer	5.00
Postage	120.00
Supplies	50.00
Miscellaneous Charges	75.00
Rent	300.00
Assessed share Franklin County Retirement	287.35
TOTAL	\$7,367.35

Balance brought forward from 1956.....	\$1,358.46
Estimated amount to be received	
Federal	3,000.00
State	2,100.00
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	\$6,458.46

Voted at the December 4, 1956 meeting that the towns assessed share would be \$1,600 and that the same percentages were to be used as in 1956.

Charlemont	42%	\$672.00
Hawley	12%	192.00
Heath	16%	256.00
Monroe	14%	224.00
Rowe	16%	256.00

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

To The Selectmen of Charlemont:

Herewith is my twelfth annual report as Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent for the ten Towns of the Western Franklin District.

For the year 1956 requests for assistance at our office numbered Nine Hundred Sixty Two. According to our records these included Forty-One registrations for Selective Service, Thirty-Eight applications for Medical and Hospital treatment and twelve requests for assistance with Veterans Administration pensions. Photostat work is still done on Tuesday of each week and a total of Twelve Hundred Thirty-Seven prints were made in 1956.

Applicants receiving Veterans' Benefits under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as amended, have been fewer in number than in 1955, but the total cost was greater, due to necessary Medical expenses. We have had thirty-one applications and at present have seventeen active cases. A total of Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Ninety-eight Cents (\$23,392.98) was administered for the seven Towns concerned.

Our files now contain the records of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven veterans of the Spanish War, World War One, World War Two and Korea periods. Work on the permanent records has been continued as time allowed during the past year and satisfactory progress has been made.

The total of our monthly administrative expense warrants for the past year is Five Thousand Ten Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$5,010.14) about Two Hundred Dollars less than the budget set up for 1956. The sum of Twenty-eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents was turned over to the Treasurer for outside Photostat work done at our office.

Assistance is still being furnished by the Veterans Administration Contact Representative, Mr. Edward A. O'Neil, and this greatly facilitates our dealings with the Government. The attendance of District Committeemen at the monthly meetings is encouraging and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT
Director and Veterans' Agent

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1952 Taxes Outstanding:

Real Estate	\$	4.10	
			\$ 4.10

1953 Taxes Outstanding:

Personal Property	\$	22.80	
Real Estate		115.90	
			\$ 138.70

1954 Taxes Outstanding:

Poll	\$	2.00	
Personal Property		191.60	
Real Estate		529.00	
Motor Excise		34.41	
			\$ 757.01

1955 Taxes Outstanding

Poll		16.00	
Personal Property		501.16	
Real Estate		1,004.96	
Motor Excise		311.29	
			\$ 1,833.41

1956 Taxes Outstanding	
Poll	\$ 72.00
Personal Property	1,031.32
Real Estate	7,502.86
Motor Excise	2,397.72
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	\$11,003.90

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. WILLIS

EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 2. Voted to raise the following appropriations:

\$ 6,000.00	Snow, Roads and Bridges
2,400.00	Disability Assistance
12,000.00	Old Age Assistance
2,100.00	Miscellaneous
1,795.00	Fire Department
1,170.00	Street Lights
700.00	Library
287.12	Vehicle Liability Insurance
150.00	Bonding Town Officers
300.00	Board of Health
200.00	Memorial Day
100.00	Christmas Fund
35.00	Old Cemeteries
400.00	Police Department
50.00	Civilian Defense
2,000.00	Reserve Fund - from Overlay Surplus
1,600.00	Soldiers' Benefits
2,400.00	Welfare
600.00	Aid to Dependent Children
1,700.00	Town Hall
858.00	Franklin County Retirement
360.00	Legion Rooms
480.11	Town Property Insurance
1,000.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
400.00	Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm

150.00	Town Dump
100.00	Interest
150.00	Swimming Classes
50.00	Fairground Maintenance
25.00	East Charlemont School
28,025.65	Hawlemont Regional School Operations

Voted to use \$567,91 income from Stephen Leonard School Fund as part of the \$37,218.00 appropriation in warrant, thus leaving the amount to be raised only \$36,650.00 for the High School.

Article 3. Voted to raise \$2,350.00 for Chapter 81 highway maintenance and construction to be spent in conjunction with State funds amounting to \$12,925.00.

Article 4. Voted to raise \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 construction on South River Road, to be spent in conjunction with State and County funds amounting to \$6,000.00.

Article 5. Voted to raise \$3,000.00 for Chapter 90 maintenance, to be spent in conjunction with State and County funds amounting to \$6,000.00.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from Road Machinery Fund \$6,100.00 to the 1956 Machinery Maintenance Account, to include the purchase of new equipment.

Article 7. Voted to raise \$4,800.00 for payment of the following annual salaries to the town officers, together with such clerical help as the Selectmen may approve.

Selectmen	\$300.00 each
Treasurer	750.00
Two Assessors.....	250.00 each
Sealer	75.00
Fire Chief	100.00
Historian	600.00
Clerk	450.00
Tax Collector	600.00

Clerk Assessor	350.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Dog Officer	15.00
Moderator	10.00

Article 8. Voted to transfer from Tyler Library Trust Fund Income Account \$180.00 for maintenance of Tyler Library.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury \$15,172.82 to meet the town's share of the 1956 capital outlay expense of the Hawlemont Regional School District.

Article 10. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to grant annual one-week vacations with pay to employees of the Highway Department.

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

January 24, 1956

Article 1. Voted to eliminate grades 7 and 8 from the Hawlemont Regional School by voting to accept an amendment, as proposed by the Hawlemont Regional District School Committee, to the Agreement establishing the Hawlemont Regional School District, such amendment to read as follows:

"Numbered paragraph 3 of the Agreement establishing the Hawlemont Regional School District is hereby amended by striking out the word 'eight' and inserting in place thereof the word 'six' so that numbered paragraph 3 shall read as follows:-
3. The Regional District School shall be an elementary school for grades one through six inclusive."

Article 2. Voted the town accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the towns of Buckland, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, and Shelburne, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the selectmen.

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 16, 1956

Article 1. Voted to transfer \$200.00 from Welfare Account, \$100.00 from Aid to Dependent Children, and \$1,100.00 from Disability Assistance Account to Old Age Assistance Account.

Article 2. Voted to accept an amendment, as proposed by the Hawlemont Regional District School Committee, to the Agreement establishing the Hawlemont Regional School District, such amendment to read as follows:

"Numbered paragraphs 5(d) and 5(e) of the Agreement establishing the Hawlemont Regional School District are hereby amended by striking out paragraphs 5(d) and 5(e) and inserting in place thereof paragraph 5(d) to read as follows: 5(d) All school transportation shall be provided by the District, and the cost thereof shall constitute part of its operating costs."

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 29, 1956

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury \$3,500.00 for the Old Age Assistance Account.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

February 4, 1957

There follows a list of business to come before the annual town meeting. This list is a preliminary one and the final warrant, as posted, may contain additions or alterations.

The following officers are to be elected by ballot, for which purpose the polls will be open from 11:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.:

Clerk for one year
Treasurer for one year
Selectman for three years
Assessor for three years
Assessor for two years
School Committeeman for three years
Tax Collector for one year
Moderator for one year
Library Trustee for three years
Auditor for one year
Tree Warden for one year
Park Commissioner for three years
Mohawk Trail Regional School Committeeman for two years
Three Constables for one year

At 8:00 P.M. the meeting will be convened to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations, as recommended by the Finance Committee:

\$7,000.00	Snow, Roads and Bridges
1,000.00	Welfare
1,800.00	Soldiers' Benefits
1,200.00	Disability Assistance

600.00	Aid to Dependent Children
16,000.00	Old Age Assistance
1,900.00	Miscellaneous
1,700.00	Town Hall
2,300.00	Fire Department
1,170.00	Street Lights
360.00	Legion Rooms
738.80	Franklin County Retirement System
480.11	Town Property Insurance
300.00	Town Vehicle Liability Insurance
800.00	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
175.00	Bonding Town Officers
200.00	Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Disease Suppression
200.00	Board of Health
150.00	Town Dump
200.00	Memorial Day
100.00	Christmas Fund
100.00	Interest
50.00	Swimming Classes
35.00	Old Cemeteries
50.00	Fairgrounds Maintenance
50.00	Civilian Defense
25.00	East Charlemont School
300.00	Police Department
400.00	Highway Department Vacations
2,000.00	Reserve Fund (From Overlay Surplus)
28,355.00	High School
45,277.69	Hawlemont Regional School, operations
14,638.32	Hawlemont Regional School, capital
816.80	Mohawk Trail Regional School District

The following items do not require a vote, but nevertheless represent amounts which will have to be raised:

672.00	Western Franklin Welfare District
2,244.00	Western Franklin Public Health District
395.50	Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center

Article 3. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 for Chapter 81 Highway maintenance, to be spent in conjunction with State funds amounting to \$12,650.00.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Chapter 90 construction on North Heath Road, to be spent in conjunction with State and County funds amounting to \$6,000.00.
(An appropriation of \$3,000.00 for Chapter 90 construction on South River Road will be requested at a special Town Meeting.)

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Chapter 90 maintenance, including the installation of guard rail and bridge repairs, to be spent in conjunction with State and County funds amounting to \$5,000.00.

Article 6. To see if the town will transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$5,500.00 to the 1957 Machinery Maintenance Account, to include the purchase of new equipment.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote the following annual salaries to the Town Officers and will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,900.00 for payment of the same, together with such clerical help as the Selectmen may authorize:

Selectmen	\$300.00 each
Clerk	450.00
Treasurer	750.00
Tax Collector	600.00
Two Assessors	250.00 each
Clerk Assessor	350.00
Sealer	75.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Fire Chief	100.00

Dog Officer	15.00
Moderator	10.00
Historian	600.00

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the installation of drain tile from Harmony Heights to Route 2.

Article 9. To see whether the town will, in the interests of economy, authorize the Board of Assessors to publish the list of tax valuations in the annual town report on a once-in-three-years basis, rather than annually.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the removal of snow from the sidewalks along Main Street. (This article by petition)

Article 11. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, by private sale or otherwise, to dispose of the town's right, title and interest in a certain spring of water located in the Hart-Rice pasture, so-called, 350 feet west of Rice Brook.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, by private sale or otherwise, to dispose of the town's right, title, and interest in the Fred L. Tyler property, so-called, consisting of a house and barn, located on the north side of Main Street adjacent to the Federated Church.

NOTE: In accordance with a ruling of the Director of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is no longer possible for the Town to remove snow from private driveways.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1956	\$ 45,767.51
Advertising	18.40
Fence Damage	12.00
Teacher's Retirement Refund.....	1.28
Wildcat Bounty	50.00
Skibiski Insurance.....	152.52
District Court Fines.....	10.00
Welfare District Postage	23.96
Director of Standards	3.00
Registrations Fees.....	.50
Paul D. Egan, Telephone Service	3.75
Interest on Deposit A	147.35
Interest on Deposit B.....	50.75
Borrowed Note	18,650.00
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's Fees.....	44.35
Book on Firearms.....	.60
Refund on Check.....	.30
All Alcoholic Licenses	1,000.00
All Alcoholic Seasonal Licenses.....	700.00
Package Store Licenses	400.00
Plantation Club License	250.00
All Other Licenses & Permits	176.00
Philemon Rice, Cemetery Fund Interest ...	4.66
Potter Cemetery Fund Interest	30.23
Sears, Mantor, & Lyman Cemetery Fund Interest	30.22
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund Interest	3.00
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund Interest	4.00
F. W. Hawkes Library Fund Interest	25.15
Maxwell Library Fund Interest.....	30.23
Withholding Tax	3,240.14
County of Franklin, Retirement	792.35
County Treasurer, Refunds & Dog Licenses	624.46
Tyler Memorial Fund, Interest	1,009.21
Tyler Memorial Home Income	180.00
Town Hall.....	610.00
Fire Department Receipts	65.00
State Treasurer, Com. Vets Services	663.91
State Treasurer, Income Tax.....	2,560.95
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	4,058.02
State Treasurer, Meal Tax Distribution ...	515.06
State Treasurer, Live Stock Disease Control	37.50
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for Lost Taxes	892.65
	<hr/> \$82,939.01

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, O.A.A., State	\$ 10,689.42
State Treasurer, O.A.A., Federal	10,512.46
State Treasurer, A.D.C., State	454.45
State Treasurer, A.D.C., Federal	798.71
State Treasurer, Disability Assistance, State	752.52
State Treasurer, Disability Assistance Federal	512.86
State Treasurer, General Relief.....	1,816.19
Town of Deerfield, O.A.A.	91.03
Town of Rowe, O.A.A.....	454.42
Town of Buckland, O.A.A.....	97.41
Town of Greenfield, O.A.A.	22.44
O.A.A. Check Refund	33.15
O.A.A. Check Returned	24.90
	<hr/> \$26,259.96

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, Education School Supts. \$	4,013.80
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	219.50
State Treasurer, Transportation	9,261.42
Stephen Leonard School Fund Interest	79.58
Town of Rowe, Tuition.....	610.00
Town of Hawley, Tuition	3,500.00
Town of Heath, Tuition	2,030.00
Town of Savoy, Tuition	140.00
Jeanette Rich.....	10.00
High School Athletic Funds.....	422.22
State Treasurer, School Aid, Chapter 70...	11,200.00
	<hr/> \$31,486.52

HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Flood Relief	\$ 6,068.43
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 M	2,499.80
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 C	7,400.00
County Treasurer, Chapter 90 M	2,499.80
County Treasurer, Chapter 90 C	2,100.00
State Treasurer, Chapter 81.....	14,150.76
Machinery Earnings	8,830.24
	<hr/> \$43,549.03

TAXES

1953 Poll	\$ 2.00
1953 Personal	41.80
1953 Real Estate	25.08
1954 Poll	6.00
1954 Personal	98.40
1954 Real Estate	893.28
1954 Motor Excise Tax	9.13
1955 Poll	54.00
1955 Personal	597.68
1955 Real Estate	4,716.06
1955 Motor Excise Tax	1,158.00
1956 Poll	414.00
1956 Personal	7,895.87
1956 Real Estate	53,640.48
1956 Motor Excise Tax	6,125.41
Interest	236.06
Warrants and Demands	29.25
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	\$ 75,942.50

PAYMENTS

	<hr/>	\$260,077.02
Selectmen's Warrants	\$177,451.49	
School Department Warrants.....	37,219.28	
School Athletic Warrants	487.13	
General Cash in Treasury, Dec.31, 1956	44,919.12	
	<hr/>	\$260,077.02

TOWN FUNDS HELD BY TREASURER

Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Maxwell Library Fund	1,000.00
Tyler Memorial Library Fund	3,093.83
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00
Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00
Jennie Z. & Lewis Sears Cemetery Fund	500.00
M. Mantor and J. Lyman Cemetery Fund.	500.00
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	299.50
Frank M. Legate Cemetery Fund.....	227.39
Philomen Rice Cemetery Fund	185.74

Respectfully submitted

MARY L. CARPENTER, *Treasurer*

DECEMBER 31, 1956

DECEMBER 31, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNT

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Trust Funds:		
Cash and Securities		
In Custody of Town		
Treasurer	\$ 14,075.45	
In Custody of First		
National Bank and Trust		
Company, Greenfield		
	<u>6,104.76</u>	
	\$ 20,180.22	
	<u><u> </u></u>	
Stephen Leonard School		
Fund		\$ 2,869.00
Maxwell Library Fund		1,000.00
Fred W. Hawkes Library		
Fund		1,000.00
Fred L. Tyler Memorial		
Library Fund		6,493.83
Potter Cemetery Fund		1,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual		
Care Funds		<u>1,712.63</u>
		\$14,075.46
Tyler Memorial Library		
Fund		
		<u>6,104.76</u>
		\$20,180.22

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUNDS

Road No.	Scraping	Gravel	Drainage	Brush	Surface Treatment	Widening	Chloride	Slide	Totals
1. Zoar	.....	.....	\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00	.....	.....	.....	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00
2. Rowe	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
3. North Heath	.....	.....	70.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	105.00
4. Vincent	45.00	.....	30.00	5.00	.....	.....	35.47	.....	115.47
5 & 6. Warner Hill	155.00	120.00	.....	95.00	.....	.....	35.47	.....	405.47
9. Barrington	200.00	288.60	613.77	5.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	1,117.37
10. Center Heath	30.00	300.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410.00
11. Mountain	292.20	1,173.00	296.77	35.00	1,065.56	513.20	116.41	.....	3,492.14
12. Mountain Branch	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
13. South Heath	30.00	21.50	.....	20.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	81.50
14. Birch Lane	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
15. Mine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. Maxwell	260.00	348.00	45.00	40.00	.....	.....	35.47	.....	728.47
17. Wood	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
18. Hicks	45.00	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.00
19. Legate Hill	174.60	1,623.25	867.16	10.00	559.22	263.20	45.47	.....	3,542.90
20. Phipps	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00
21. Laurei Lane	40.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.00
22. Potter	50.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.00
23. Tower	110.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110.00
24. Ledge Lane	40.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.00
25. Todd Mountain	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26. Cold River	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
28. West Hawley	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00
29. Chickley	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
30. South Chickley	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
31. South River	299.40	88.00	306.70	10.00	.....	.....	116.41	61.90	882.41
32. Dodge Corner	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
33. East Hawley	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
34. Warfield	.....	.....	30.00	.....	18.60	.....	.....	.....	48.60
35. Colonial Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
36. Riddle	.....	.....	35.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	55.00
37. High	.....	.....	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.00
38. Heath	75.00	10.00	85.00

\$2,581.20	\$4,259.40	\$3,093.90	\$210.00	\$1,798.38	\$776.40	\$528.71	\$96.90	\$13,344.89
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TOWN EXPENDITURES

CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,350.00	
State Contract	12,650.00	
Superintendent		\$ 1,536.90
Labor Payroll		5,113.95
Town Equipment		2,560.36
Hired Equipment		2,483.00
Gravel and Grit		635.36
Chloride		467.11
Culverts		759.84
Tar		1,169.22
Cinderblocks and lumber		98.26
Cement		126.00
Credit Balance		50.00
	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

SNOW, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriation	6,000.00	
By Chapter 44 - Emergency Transfer	2,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	500.00	
Superintendent		\$ 1,120.35
Labor Payroll		3,993.10
Town Equipment		2,487.50
Hired Equipment		17.00
Chloride		264.87
Sand		564.00
F. Deane Avery Associates		52.20
Credit Balance .....		.98
	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>

HARMONY HEIGHTS EXTENSION

Town Appropriation	\$ 300.00	
Superintendent		\$ 13.20
Labor Payroll		100.80
Town Equipment		38.00
Hired Equipment		136.00
Gravel		12.00
	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>

CHAPTER 90 Construction, South River Road

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
State Contract	4,000.00	
County Contract	2,000.00	
Carried forward from 1955	7,907.25	
Superintendent		\$ 429.00
Labor Payroll		2,458.60
Town Equipment		1,714.38
Hired Equipment		7,785.50
Culverts		937.27
Gravel		605.50
Chloride		88.00
Tar		27.30
Credit Balance		1,861.70
	<u>\$ 15,907.25</u>	<u>\$ 15,907.25</u>

CHAPTER 90 Maintenance

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
State Contract	3,000.00	
County Contract	3,000.00	
Superintendent		\$ 603.90
Labor Payroll		2,162.05
Town Equipment		937.00
Hired Equipment		215.50
Reinforcing Rods, Flex Beams, & Posts ..		2,314.90
Tar		1,866.00
Sand & Gravel		598.65
Lumber		13.50
Cement		42.50
Paint		246.00
	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>

FAIRGROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 50.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	62.20	
Labor Payroll		\$ 18.00
Parts		8.61
Chloride		33.00
Paint		52.38
Credit Balance .....		.21
	<u>\$ 112.20</u>	<u>\$ 112.20</u>

INTEREST

Town Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Shelburne Falls National Bank		\$ 52.50
Credit Balance		47.50
	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

TOWN DUMP

Town Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Superintendent		\$ 13.20
Labor Payroll		21.60
Aubrey Rice		12.00
Town Equipment		48.00
Credit Balance		55.20
	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF

Received from Emergency Flood Relief Board	\$ 1,797.80	
To be received from the Emergency Flood Relief Board	429.70	
Town Machinery Disallowance	618.00	
Superintendent		\$ 316.80
Labor Payroll		1,212.30
Town Equipment		618.00
Hired Equipment		232.00
Stone & Gravel		56.00
Tar		184.80
Cement Mix		224.00
Sacks		1.60
	<u>\$ 2,845.50</u>	<u>\$ 2,845.50</u>

MACHINERY

Town Appropriation (from Road Machinery Fund)	\$ 6,100.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		\$ 12.80
Christine Turner - Rent		300.00
Superintendent		26.40
Labor Payroll		100.80
Gasoline		1,632.01
Oil		114.06
Diesel Fuel Oil		55.08
Kerosene		16.46
Grease and Oil		169.54
Miscellaneous Parts		1,345.33
Miscellaneous Repairs		1,211.72
Lubrication		42.90
Tires and Tubes		488.44
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Agency		58.49
W.N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc.		37.95
Credit Balance		488.02
	<u>\$ 6,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,100.00</u>

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	\$ 600.00	
Federal Grant Balance brought forward		
from 1955	89.26	
Federal Grants for 1956	798.71	
2 Cases		\$ 1,296.76
Transferred at Special Town Meeting to		
Old Age Assistance		100.00
Credit Balance Town Appropriation		23.60
Federal Grant Balance Carried		
Forward to Jan. 1, 1957		67.61
	<u>\$ 1,487.97</u>	<u>\$ 1,487.97</u>

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,400.00	
Federal Grant Balance Brought forward		
from 1955	81.79	
Federal Grants for 1956	512.86	
2 Cases		\$ 1,696.46
Transferred at Special Town Meeting to		
Old Age Assistance		1,100.00
Credit Balance Town Appropriation		149.44
Federal Grant Balance Carried		
Forward to Jan. 1, 1957		48.75
	<u>\$ 2,994.65</u>	<u>\$ 2,994.65</u>

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00	
Special Town Meetings	5,904.29	
1 Cancelled Check Town Appropriation ..	33.15	
1 Cancelled Check Federal Grants	24.90	
Federal Grant Balance Brought		
forward from 1955	22.16	
Federal Grants for 1956	10,512.46	
29 Cases		\$ 27,417.56
Credit Balance Town Appropriation		641.40
Federal Grant Balance Carried		
Forward to Jan. 1, 1957		438.00
	<u>\$ 28,496.96</u>	<u>\$ 28,496.96</u>

WELFARE

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,400.00	
2 Cases		\$ 1,896.64
City of North Adams		220.00

Transferred at Special Town Meeting to		
Old Age Assistance		200.00
Credit Balance Town Appropriation		83.36
	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	6.52	
Three Cases		\$ 1,606.52
	<u>\$ 1,606.52</u>	<u>\$ 1,606.52</u>

WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Western Franklin Welfare District	\$ 966.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,100.00	
Selectmen's Expense		\$ 50.39
Town Clerk's Expense		29.49
Treasurer's Expense		69.75
Assessor's Expense		285.11
Tax Collector's Expense		123.20
Recorder-Gazette		18.40
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		125.18
Office Expense		22.21
Frank J. Wells - water rent		35.00
Avis Churchill - water rent		6.00
Printing Town Reports & Postage		713.95
Printing Ballots		31.10
Sheriff's and Constable's Expense		36.55
Regional District Planning Board		139.23
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		2.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense		6.25
Stoddard, Ball, Bartlett, & Trudell		153.90
Credit Balance		252.29
	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>

TOWN HALL

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,700.00	
Salary of Janitor		\$ 720.00
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		133.44
Charlemont Oil Company		746.35
Repairs		61.40
Supplies		26.43
Commissioner of Public Safety		10.00
Credit Balance		2.38
	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Appropriation	\$ 4,800.00	
Salary of Selectmen		\$ 900.00
Salary of Town Clerk		450.00
Salary of Town Treasurer		750.00
Salary of Tax Collector		600.00
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures		75.00
Salary of Clerk Assessor		350.00
Salary of Two Assessors		500.00
Salary of Fire Chief		100.00
Inspection of Animals		75.00
Inspection of Slaughtering		49.60
Moderator		10.00
Dog Officer		15.00
Salary of Historian		600.00
Ballot Clerks and Tellers		152.00
Office Clerk - Beda A. Langevin		158.50
Credit Balance		14.90
	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>

CHRISTMAS FUND

Town Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Cariddi Sales Co.		\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

OLD CEMETERIES

Town Appropriation	\$ 35.00	
Leavitt Cemetery Association		\$ 12.00
Credit Balance		23.00
	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>\$ 35.00</u>

EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL

Town Appropriation	\$ 25.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Co.		\$ 12.00
Credit Balance		13.00
	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Town Appropriation (Capital Outlay)	\$ 15,072.82	
Town Appropriation	28,025.65	
Hawlemont Regional School District		\$ 43,098.47
	<u>\$ 43,098.47</u>	<u>\$ 43,098.47</u>

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transfer from Reserve Fund.....	\$ 314.85	
Mohawk Trail Regional School District..		\$ 314.85
	<u>\$ 314.85</u>	<u>\$ 314.85</u>

SWIMMING CLASSES

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 150.00	
Earl Barrett		\$ 150.00
	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 50.00	
Credit Balance		\$ 50.00
	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM SUPPRESSION

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 400.00	
Credit Balance		\$ 400.00
	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>

RESERVE FUND

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 2,000.00	
Bonding Town Officers		\$ 4.25
Workmen's Compensation.....		129.66
Fairgrounds Maintenance.....		62.20
Mohawk Trail Regional School District..		314.85
Fire Department		150.00
Snow, Roads & Bridges.....		500.00
Veterans' Benefits.....		6.52
Credit Balance		832.52
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 400.00	
Police Chief - Cyrus C. Annear.....		\$ 265.67
Labor Payroll		41.26
Supplies		75.96
Credit Balance		17.11
	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,795.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund.....	150.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		\$ 26.10
Charlemont Oil Company		252.52
Labor Payroll		587.36
Equipment		128.13
Repairs		166.86
Lubrication		9.50
Fireman's Insurance		178.50
Commissioner of Public Safety		10.00
Inspection of Trucks		1.50
Tri-State Mutual Aid Membership		5.00
Transfer to Red Telephone System.....		577.97
Credit Balance		1.56
	<u>\$ 1,945.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,945.00</u>

STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,170.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		\$ 1,170.00
	<u>\$ 1,170.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,170.00</u>

LEGION ROOMS

Town Appropriation	\$ 360.00	
I. O. O. F. Union Lodge - rent		\$ 360.00
	<u>\$ 360.00</u>	<u>\$ 360.00</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Western Franklin Public Health District	\$ 2,244.00
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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

Town Appropriation	\$ 858.00	
Franklin County Retirement System.....		\$ 858.00
	<u>\$ 858.00</u>	<u>\$ 858.00</u>

LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	\$ 700.00	
Librarian's Salary		\$ 300.00
Campbell & Hall, Inc.		151.32
Nicholas Books		51.08
Gaylord Brothers		39.49
Blanche Hunt - Books		26.50

Moore Cottrell Subscription Agency.....	53.98	
Tables and Chairs	69.61	
Credit Balance	8.02	
	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>

INTEREST ON LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

From Maxwell Library Fund.....	\$ 30.23	
From Fred W. Hawkes Fund.....	25.15	
Campbell and Hall, Inc.		\$ 55.38
	<u>\$ 55.38</u>	<u>\$ 55.38</u>

TYLER LIBRARY

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 180.00	
Income on Savings Account for 1956.....	209.21	
Withdrawn from Tyler Memorial Library Fund	279.36	
Stoddard, Ball, Bartlett & Trudel		\$ 417.00
Greenfield Wallpaper & Paint Co.		184.00
S. G. Gould.....		12.32
H. S. Tanner.....		55.25
	<u>\$ 668.57</u>	<u>\$ 668.57</u>

TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 480.11	
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Company...		\$ 480.11
	<u>\$ 480.11</u>	<u>\$ 480.11</u>

LIABILITY INSURANCE ON TOWN VEHICLES

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 287.12	
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Company...		\$ 287.12
	<u>\$ 287.12</u>	<u>\$ 287.12</u>

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund.....	129.66	
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Agency		\$ 1,129.66
	<u>\$ 1,129.66</u>	<u>\$ 1,129.66</u>

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation	\$	150.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund		4.25		
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency			\$	154.25
	\$	154.25	\$	154.25

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation	\$	300.00		
Dr. Merritt Low			\$	105.00
Mrs. George Coombs				45.00
Dinners for Personnel - Well Child				
Conference				9.48
Credit Balance				140.52
	\$	300.00	\$	300.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation	\$	200.00		
Sanderson Academy Band			\$	75.00
Speaker - Attorney Boyle				25.00
Buglers				10.00
Flags and Wreaths				54.70
Refreshments				25.90
Credit Balance				9.40
	\$	200.00	\$	200.00

WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue	\$	3,240.14
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FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND

Franklin County Retirement System	\$	791.35
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WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center	\$	364.00
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CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer, Leavitt Cemetery	\$	7.00
Treasurer, Village Cemetery		60.45
	\$	67.45

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

State Treasurer, Auditing Town Accounts	\$ 584.53
State Treasurer, Parks & Reservations	210.32
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses.....	302.00
County Treasurer, County Tax.....	5,306.80
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	\$ 6,403.65

DOG OFFICER'S EXPENSE

Dog Officer's Expense	\$ 54.00
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WILDCAT BOUNTY

5 Bounties	\$ 50.00
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COLLECTOR'S DEMANDS

Tax Collector's Demands	\$ 32.05
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POLL TAX REFUNDS

1 Refund for 1956 Tax.....	\$ 2.00
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REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

1 Refund for 1956 Tax	\$ 167.67
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MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS

2 Refunds for 1955 Tax	\$ 31.15
11 Refunds for 1956 Tax	91.02
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	\$ 122.15

INSURANCE PAYMENT FOR TOWN TRUCK ACCIDENT

Leon H. Turner	\$ 152.52
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REPAYMENT OF LOAN

Shelburne Falls National Bank.....	\$ 12,600.00
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RECAPITULATION

Snow, Roads and Bridges.....	\$ 8,499.02
Chapter 81	14,950.00
	300.00
Chapter 90 Construction - South River Road	14,045.55
Chapter 90 Maintenance.....	9,000.00
Fairgrounds Maintenance.....	111.99
Interest	52.50
Town Dump.....	94.80
Emergency Flood Relief	2,845.50
Machinery.....	5,611.98
Welfare	2,116.64
Veterans' Benefits.....	1,606.52
Disability Assistance	1,696.46
Old Age Assistance.....	27,417.56
Aid to Dependent Children.....	1,296.76
Western Franklin Welfare District Administration ..	966.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,847.71
Town Hall	1,697.62
Officers' Salaries	4,785.10
Police Department.....	382.89
Fire Department	1,943.44
Street Lights.....	1,170.00
Legion Rooms.....	360.00
Western Franklin Public Health Nursing Service..	2,244.00
Employees Retirement Fund.....	858.00
Library	747.36
Tyler Library.....	668.57
Town Property Insurance.....	480.11
Liability Insurance on Town Vehicles	287.12
Workmen's Compensation Insurance.....	1,129.66
Bonding Town Officers	154.25
Board of Health	159.48
Memorial Day	190.60
Christmas Fund	100.00
Old Cemeteries	12.00
East Charlemont School.....	12.00
Hawlemont Regional School District	43,098.47
Mohawk Trail Regional School District.....	314.85
Swimming Classes.....	150.00
Withholding Tax	3,240.14
Franklin County Retirement Fund	791.35
Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center	364.00
Cemetery Funds	67.45
State and County Taxes.....	6,403.65
Motor Excise Refunds.....	122.15
Poll Tax Refunds	2.00
Real Estate Tax Refunds	167.67
Dog Officer's Expense	54.00
Collector's Demands.....	32.05
Shelburne Falls National Bank	12,600.00
Wild Cat Bounties	50.00
Insurance Payment for Town Truck Accident	152.52

\$177,451.49

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Charlemont Board of Assessors report the following valuation for 1956:

	Personal	Real
Adams, Carroll	\$ 80.00	\$
Adams, Dorothy		3,465.00
Adams, Glenn E.	760.00	
Adams, Glenn E. & Dorothy L.		7,020.00
Adams, N. Eugene & Eva M.		5,145.00
Adler, Pearl I.		6,010.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.		300.00
Albee, John E.		1,300.00
Aldrich, Allie C.		4,525.00
Anderson, Mrs. Andres		1,595.00
Anderson, Raymond A.		450.00
Andrews, Warren & Irene		1,390.00
Angeli, Emma		3,420.00
Annear, Cyrus C.		4,085.00
Anthony, Arthur J.		100.00
Askew, Doris & Smith, Gene E.		2,345.00
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris B.		1,900.00
August, George	190.00	
Avery, A. L. & Son.	14,200.00	
Avery, Francis W.		6,115.00
Avery, Henry L., Jr.		4,765.00
Avery, Henry L.		12,220.00
Avery, Henry L.		5,335.00
Avery, Henry L.		2,670.00
Avery, Henry L.		2,570.00
Avery, Henry L.		3,415.00
Avery, Henry L.		375.00
Babcock, Henry H. & Daniel E.		1,225.00
Baker, Agnes Brown.	150.00	6,610.00
Ballard, David J.	1,560.00	
Ballard, Ruth K. Barbara & David K.		7,020.00
Bannish, John E.		5,070.00
Barrett, Earl B. & Ella M.	1,200.00	14,100.00
Baxter, Charles		1,510.00
Bicknell, Fred O.		3,575.00
Bilhoefer, John A. & Ruthetta S.	450.00	3,145.00
Bissland, James H. & Elsie C.		7,395.00
Bliss, Marion E. & Verne E. Jr.		3,000.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	280.00
Booth, William A.		675.00
Boston & Maine Railroad		6,850.00
Boullie, William J.	650.00	
Boullie, William J. & Anna T.		2,750.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T.		675.00

	Personal	Real
Bowen, Helen M.	1,230.00	8,715.00
Brant, James R. & Lorna B.		2,350.00
Breen, Roy H.		3,080.00
Bremer, Ruth M.		4,315.00
Brown, Frank S. & Rita H.		2,270.00
Brunalli Construction Co.	8,000.00	
Burger, Celia A.		1,240.00
Burnett, Arnold K. & Lucy E.		2,540.00
Burnett, Norman A. & Phyllis J.		3,175.00
Burnett, Wilbur L.	700.00	3,535.00
Burrington, Frederick W. & Sumner, Ralph C.		640.00
Burt, Eva Morrison.		1,455.00
Burt, Harold.	2,480.00	
Burt, Harold A. & Marie.		3,840.00
Burt, William R.		4,925.00
Calanan, Charles L. & Valida A.		1,155.00
Carlson, John B.	200.00	
Carlson, John R.		4,435.00
Carpenter, Mary L.		2,930.00
Carroll, Fred W.	3,100.00	
Carroll, Fred W. & Louise.		6,470.00
Cetto, Enrico.		3,145.00
Champlin, Ray E. & Harriet M.		1,525.00
Charlemont Plantation, Inc.		4,415.00
Chisholm, Sidney M.	1,500.00	
Chisholm, Sidney M. & Thelma G.		22,850.00
Churchill, Avis M.		2,940.00
Churchill, Merritt H.		100.00
Clark, Francis J., Laurence A. & Horace		4,510.00
Clark, Horace T.		6,160.00
Clark, Inez T.		6,285.00
Clark, Laurence A.		4,500.00
Clark, Merle B. & Gladys B.		6,085.00
Coates, Allen M. & Sylvia B.		625.00
Connelly, Joseph P.		1,000.00
Crocker, Frederick H.		1,615.00
Cronk, Paul B. & Irene L.		1,325.00
Cummings, Francis H. Trustee, Moore Estate.		750.00
Dally, Aristides K.		21,265.00
Davenport, Carlton P.		1,080.00
Davenport, James P.		375.00
Davenport, Louis A. & Ellen A.		3,370.00
Davenport, William A.		400.00
Dean, Fred E. & Blanche.		2,000.00
Dean, Russell & Irene.		1,985.00
DiBenedetto, Salvatore & Marion.		500.00
Dickinson, Alice G.	155.00	3,365.00
Dickinson, Edgar G. & Ruth A.		2,285.00

	Personal	Real
Dickinson, Richard R.	75.00	250.00
Dickinson, Richard R. & Ethel May.....		3,370.00
Dimick, George H. & Ella J.		3,625.00
Dimick, John H.		2,375.00
Dimick, John H.		2,450.00
Dion, Jennie M. & Donald G.		1,100.00
Dunlop, Leslie R. & Marion E.	800.00	1,960.00
Earle, Ralph		940.00
Elliot, William S.		500.00
Ellsworth, Bernice		2,790.00
Ellsworth, Horace E.	600.00	160.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S.		3,910.00
Falandes, Maxillian & Katherine		6,775.00
Feder, Sidney J. & Ethel G.		4,445.00
Fisk, Emma W.		5,030.00
Fitzroy, Alton P., Jr. & Lois M.		4,120.00
Fitzroy, Herbert H.	2,650.00	
Foliated Talc. Co.		200.00
Formosi, Diomede	210.00	
Formosi, Mrs. Ellen Ellery		2,700.00
Forsberg, Harold S.	1,000.00	
Forsberg, Harold S.		6,050.00
Frame, Ralph I. & Nellie E.		100.00
Freiberg, Edward & Sarah.		7,250.00
Frisbie, Joseph C. & Shirley S.		4,165.00
Fusco, William et al.		1,000.00
Galvin, Leon R. & Doris M.		2,460.00
Garcia, Elsie	150.00	
Garcia, Elsie G.		1,440.00
Gibson, Herbert D. & Constance D.		2,550.00
Giffin, Newell S. & Gail I.		1,000.00
Gilbert, Fred J. & Marjorie E.		4,310.00
Gilbert, George J. & Aldea M.		3,920.00
Gilbert, Mabel H. & Charles J.		4,545.00
Gingras, Lillian G.	1,000.00	6,025.00
Gleason, Francis		455.00
Goddard, S. Stuart.	445.00	
Goddard, S. Stuart & Annie E.		10,610.00
Goodwin, Charles W.	700.00	
Goodwin, Charles W. & Katherine.		4,750.00
Gorman, Roy S.		3,290.00
Gould, Albert L.	1,805.00	
Gould, Albert L. & Dorothy M.		8,385.00
Gould, Grace C.		\$ 5,315.00
Gould, Syril G.	2,500.00	
Gould, Syril G. & Hazel M.		8,770.00
Gray, Charlotte et al.		700.00
Greenfield Cooperative Bank.		3,050.00
Gribbon, George H.	175.00	
Gribbon, George H. & Barbara.		3,605.00

	Personal	Real
Grover, Albina A.		4,520.00
Hallahan, William E.	3,450.00	4,595.00
Halligan, Burdette G. & Mabel E.		3,405.00
Hamilton, Evelyn C.		3,390.00
Harmon, James B.		2,255.00
Harris, Alfred E.	1,630.00	
Harris, Edward R., Jr. & Elizabeth M. .		8,660.00
Harris, Ethel M.		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E.		4,680.00
Harris, Herbert R.	150.00	1,820.00
Harris, Herman F.	605.00	835.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G.		3,495.00
Harwood, Clarence B.		3,195.00
Hathaway, Arthur L.		2,850.00
Hawkes, Norman W. & Ruth S.		5,150.00
Hawthorn, Donald, Trustee Crowle Mt. .		
Club		500.00
Healy, Allen		160.00
Healy, John J.		32,555.00
Healy, Winston.	3,770.00	7,610.00
Heist, Claude W. & Linna L.		2,595.00
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis L.		2,290.00
Henderson, Kenneth.	500.00	
Henderson, Kenneth W. & Charlotte W. .		4,410.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel M.		3,850.00
Hicks, Ray C.	4,940.00	9,645.00
Hicks, Roy A.	2,095.00	
Hicks, Roy A. & Ethel M.		3,785.00
Hogaman, Hazel M.		3,265.00
Howes, Earle K. & Leora M.		4,600.00
Hunkler, Harley D.		3,530.00
Hunkler, Lawrence		1,830.00
Hunkler, Mrs. Rosa		2,130.00
Hunt, Blanche L.		3,365.00
Hutchinson, Esther C.		2,355.00
Hyytine, Reino A. & Virginia B.		1,335.00
Jackson, Charles B.		3,590.00
Johnson, Marshall A.	1,300.00	
Johnson, Marshall A. & Rebecca P.		8,160.00
Jones, Walter E.		1,400.00
Kendrick, Stanton	1,035.00	
Kendrick, Stanton C. et al.		9,275.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,900.00	29,400.00
Kenyon, Alfred R. & Dorothy		3,410.00
King, Mrs. Grace		5,155.00
King, Robert J. & Geneva A.		2,000.00
Kirchlechner, Frank.	180.00	1,010.00
Koonchaug Building Assoc.		2,000.00
Koncal, William C.		1,490.00
Ladd, Charles F. & Judith A.		1,010.00

	Personal	Real
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A.		4,525.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	600.00	12,260.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose		3,000.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose		1,200.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose		1,315.00
Laramée, Lawrence L. & Eugenia B.		1,900.00
Lee, Frank H.		3,955.00
Lees, Mrs. Minnie		1,000.00
Legate, Annie		450.00
Legate, Harry F.		3,930.00
Legate, Mrs. Ida		580.00
Liese, Cyrus C., Jr.	750.00	
Liese, Cyrus C. & Elaine S.		4,125.00
Liese, Cyrus C. & Elaine S.		5,675.00
Lilly, Sarah		1,210.00
Lively, Clovis N. & Celena J.		1,000.00
Lively, Elise & Trudell, William S.		2,460.00
Longley, Lawrence A. & Julia M.		1,620.00
Longridge Co., Inc.		1,000.00
Lowensberg, William	330.00	120.00
Lyman, Geraldine H.		5,635.00
Magnant, Lester L. & Lauraine E.		3,115.00
Malcolm, David J.		5,340.00
Mann, T.S. Lumber Co., Inc.		1,950.00
Martin, Carol		585.00
Martin, Edward H. & Ruby T.		3,250.00
Massoth, William H. & Victoria M.	300.00	6,630.00
Massoth, William H. & Victoria M.		5,000.00
Maynard, Earle O.		2,190.00
Maynard, John W. & Beverly L.		2,440.00
McCloud, Everett B. & Marion.		3,890.00
McGinnis, Lucile Whitney	2,000.00	20,940.00
McHaffie, John W.		2,360.00
McHaffie, John W., Jr. & Lois E.		3,560.00
McKane, Edward	1,500.00	
McKane, Edward P. & Helen.		4,600.00
McKinstry, Roger E.	800.00	
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris.		8,935.00
Miller, Arthur L. & Clark, Francis J.		390.00
Miller, Helen W.	1,000.00	3,995.00
Montagna, John A., Trustee, Camp Comprestre		300.00
Moriarty, John M.	500.00	2,620.00
Muller, Peter J.		7,420.00
Mulville, Edward G. & O'Neil, Herbert P.		8,090.00
Murphy, Margaret		400.00
Murray, Harry E. & Isabelle		700.00
Myers, I. R. & Sons	75.00	
Newell, Ralph F.		2,905.00
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	72,900.00

	Personal	Real
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	24,500.00	
Nilman, Carl H.		850.00
Noga, Henry C. & Nina A.		4,065.00
Norcross, Ora Marie		6,970.00
Norman, Joseph W. & Cordelia M.		700.00
Northern Berkshire Electric Co.	41,000.00	
Padula, Violet.		500.00
Palmer, Paul W. & Clarinda.		3,030.00
Pappas, Stanford C.	1,200.00	
Pappas, Stanford C. & Elizabeth L.		5,500.00
Parker, Floyd A. & Lorena.		3,355.00
Parker, James L.	1,625.00	
Parker, James L. & Ruby Lenora.		5,025.00
Parker, Percy J.		2,275.00
Pecor, Harmon	200.00	
Pierguide, Serefino.		1,100.00
Pierson, William D.	4,000.00	15,430.00
Pike, Sherman	300.00	
Pike, Sherman T. & Elizabeth G.		10,590.00
Pitman, Elise.		3,985.00
Plantation House, Inc.		7,880.00
Pleshaw, Charles.		1,970.00
Pleshaw, Gervin D. & Gladys.		4,300.00
Potter, W.N. Grain Co.	350.00	11,120.00
Powers, Charles E.		1,200.00
Pratt, Clement T.		550.00
Purinton, Albert T.	570.00	
Purinton, Albert T. & Veda E.		3,930.00
Purinton, Harry L.	500.00	
Purinton, Harry L. & Thelma G.		1,645.00
Purinton, Raymond A.		400.00
Purrington, Gordon.		600.00
Quillinan, Clayton F. & Ralph L.		1,415.00
Raymond, Donald W. & Katherine.		3,570.00
Raymond, Gerald T. & Bessie P.		2,300.00
Redard, R. John & Phyllis Redge.		4,610.00
Reed, Claude & Bonnelyn.		420.00
Rice, Aubrey L.	1,100.00	
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A.		4,470.00
Rice, Floyd A. & Josephine.		2,050.00
Rice, James A. & Flora E.		5,660.00
Rice, Kenneth R. & Marie M.		1,215.00
Rich Lumber Co., Inc.		1,000.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.		2,815.00
Richmond, Earl L. & Hazel.		5,800.00
Rickert, Frank J. & Margaret M.		4,110.00
Ringchrist, George & Edna May.		3,640.00
Rivers, Rena.		5,535.00
Robinson, Thurman W. & Clara T.		1,300.00
Rowe, Frederick.		1,660.00

	Personal	Real
Rowe, Frederick, Lot, Dennis		5,040.00
Rowe Lumber Co., Inc.		370.00
Russell, Mary C.		1,345.00
Ryan, Helena T.		1,775.00
Ryan, Helena T.		1,710.00
Ryder, Russell W. & Elizabeth G.		1,790.00
Sandri, Arcilo		3,000.00
Schaefer, Paul E. & Sophia,		390.00
Schecterle, William G. & Gertrude G. . .		2,650.00
Schultz, Harold J.		160.00
Sears, John H.	50.00	
Sears, Mabel V.		4,825.00
Shaw, Harry P.		4,875.00
Shaw, Harry P. & Mary.		1,400.00
Shaw, Lincoln		1,690.00
Sherman, Cecil		670.00
Sherman, Elmer.		315.00
Sherman, Floyd		465.00
Sherman, James M., Jr.		525.00
Sherman, Mrs. Lena M.		745.00
Sherman, Madeline		50.00
Shields, Edward G. & Gertrude I.		4,080.00
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr.	850.00	
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. & Stella B.		8,165.00
Simmons, Arthur A. & Clara S.		1,460.00
Simmons, Mary W.	750.00	7,805.00
Simmons, Mary W.		1,300.00
Slaunwhite, Stuart E.	2,315.00	3,325.00
Smart, Fred A.		3,825.00
Smith, Frederick A. & Margaret E.		4,050.00
Smith, H. Parker	250.00	
Smith, H. Parker & Beth T.		3,350.00
Smith, J. Roger	320.00	
Smith, J. Roger et al		3,290.00
Spear, Elbert F. & Winifred E.		5,940.00
Spoffords Motors, Inc.		2,325.00
Stacy, Helen B.		300.00
Stafford, William P. & Grace M.		4,185.00
Streeter, Charles E.	150.00	
Streeter, Charles E. & Marjorie T.		6,915.00
Svendsen, Sigurd & Bodhil.		3,795.00
Sykes, Robert E.		1,675.00
Tanner, Richard & Homer		5,235.00
Tarvin, James E.	3,370.00	
Tarvin, James E. & Lena W.		12,540.00
Taylor, Archie F.	125.00	3,485.00
Taylor, Theron S. & Verena Mary.		6,325.00
Temple, John B.		545.00
Thompson, Mrs. Jane.		3,040.00
Thunder Mountain Ski Assoc.	1,000.00	
Tilley, Wilson L. & Priscilla E.		5,275.00
Tinney, Floyd F.	175.00	2,140.00

	Personal	Real
Tinney, Lawrence S.....	60.00	1,020.00
Tinney, Lawrence S., Jr.	100.00	
Tower, Mabel A.		5,205.00
Trustees Congregational Soc.		915.00
Trustees I.O.O.F.		6,460.00
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery		600.00
Turner, Christine M.		9,230.00
Turner, Christine M.		1,580.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A.		3,670.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon A.		1,910.00
Turner, Leon A.	3,300.00	
Turner, William C.		2,400.00
Van Nostrand, Lawrence T.		4,910.00
Veber, Laura M. & Leon H.		1,625.00
Vincent, Leslie I.		3,750.00
Wagner, Gloria J.	150.00	5,045.00
Wagner, Joseph A.	185.00	
Wagner, Joseph A. & Gloria J.		4,730.00
Walsh, Mary E.		2,815.00
Ware, Alice F.		2,000.00
Warfield, Horace E.	865.00	13,770.00
Warner, Charles L. & Ruth S.		5,860.00
Warner, Daniel		375.00
Warner, Mary E.		3,665.00
Wells, Alice L.		5,670.00
Wells, Frank J.	5,500.00	15,350.00
Westcott, Mona R.		4,700.00
Western New England Tel. & Tel. Co. .		3,005.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	2,500.00	
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Inc. .		1,100.00
Wetherbee, Roger E. & Emily M.		1,725.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.	180.00	5,595.00
Whipple, Olin E.	2,200.00	1,100.00
Whipple, Olin E. & Ruth McFall.		5,245.00
Whitaker, Ernest	195.00	
Whitaker, Ernest W. & Tilley.		2,680.00
White, Harold T.	200.00	150.00
Wilbur, Stephen C.		2,130.00
Willard, James R.	880.00	8,340.00
Wiley, Belle	300.00	
Wiley, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E.		4,350.00
Wiley, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E.		3,820.00
Wiley, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E.		5,085.00
Wiley, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E.		5,100.00
Wiley, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E.		2,930.00
Wiley, Belle A. & Turner, Dora E.		675.00
Willis, Roger W. & Marjorie A.		9,355.00
Wilson, Raymond W. & Mildred C.		4,505.00
Wood, Darwin C. & Eleanor P.		2,790.00
Young, Florence M.		6,085.00
Young, Florence M.		935.00
Young, Florence M.		100.00

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